



B A L L E T
ACADEMY OF DANCE

Student – Parent Handbook

2019 – 2020 Season

General Information

Attire

Students must be dressed appropriately for class:

Ballet – Level Colored Leotard*, Pink Tights, Ballet Slippers / Pointe Shoes (if applicable.) Hair must be securely in bun – loose buns are not permitted as hair falls down and dancer’s waste time fixing hair.
*See website for appropriate level color. Please order directly from our website as not all dancewear is truly made for dance. Quality is important.

Dress Code:

| Level | Leo Color | Tights | Shoes |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| PBS | Orchid (Tank) | Ballet Pink- Footed | *No drawstring slipper / skirts allowed |
| KINDER | Pink (Tank) | Ballet Pink – Transition | *No drawstring slipper / skirts allowed |
| Level 1 | Jade (Camisole) | Ballet Pink - Transition | *No drawstring slipper preferred |
| Level 2 | Light Blue (Camisole) | Ballet Pink - Transition | Ballet Slipper / Black Jazz Shoe |
| Level 3 | Navy (Camisole) | Ballet Pink - Transition | Ballet Slipper (Split Sole preferred.) Black Jazz Shoe, if appropriate. |
| Level 4 | Purple (Camisole) | Ballet Pink - Transition | Split Sole Ballet Slippers, Foot Undies, Black & Nude Jazz Shoes, Pointe Shoes* |
| Level 5 | Burgundy (Camisole) | Ballet Pink - Transition | Slip Sole Ballet Slippers. Foot Undies, Black & Nude Jazz Shoes, Pointe Shoes |
| Male Students | White Undershirt | Black Shorts or Sweatpants | Black Ballet and or Jazz Shoes |

| Level | Leo Color | Tights | Shoes |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Tap & Jazz | Leotard | Tights | Proper Tap & Jazz Shoes |
| ACRO/GYM | Biketard | None | Bare feet |
| HIP HOP | Clothes that allow for movement | | Tennis Shoes – (Black Nike style required for performances.) |

*During the last week of the month advanced dancers (level's 4/5 may wear a black leo and /or black tights.) No jewelry except stud earrings.

Dancers will receive a verbal warning if out of dress code. Upon the 3rd warning, student will watch but not be able to participate in class.

Class Placement

New students will audition for proper placement in class. Continuing students will be placed in their proper level by the director.

Class Requirements

Dancers enrolled in the Dance Track Program; ballet is required as their fundamental core class.

For dancers in Ballet Level 3, it is strongly recommended dancers also take Jazz Level 3 before they can progress to Level 4.

For Levels 4, 5 and Pointe dancers, 2 ballet classes and 1 jazz class a week are required, as well as both summer camps. Dancers striving to dance professionally may audition for out of state (or city) Summer Intensive Programs. We would be happy to help recommend quality training facilities that would benefit your child.

Tardiness / Absences

Warm ups are essential to injury prevention. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to class dressed and ready to participate. Please wait in the lobby until the teacher opens the door for the next class. If the student is late, please ask teacher permission to join the class.

Excellent attendance is critical to the growth and readiness of a dancers. Especially during choreography and rehearsals, it is unfair to both the teacher and the fellow classmates to miss. School sanctioned functions, studio closures and illness are acceptable excuses that allow for a make-up class to be made. Make-ups must be taken within a two-week period of the missed class. No refunds or credits are given for absences.

Observation of Classes

Observation of classes is not permitted with the exception of a child's first class or during the specified watch week. For the Prince & Princess Ballerina Series, the watch week is the last class of the month. If the child is not a toddler, we recommend watching from the lobby or outside window as it makes the child more nervous.

Etiquette / Behavior

We encourage our students to appreciate corrections. Our teachers want to share their knowledge and develop stronger dancers. Students should always thank their teacher for a correction and try to apply them quickly. We also strive to create an encouraging atmosphere. Dancers are taught to encourage and inspire one another. Rules are as follows: No gum allowed, no eating during class, no cellphones allowed out in the classroom. Teachers will confiscate and return the phone after class, no talking during class.

Tuition

Monthly tuition remains the same regardless of the number of weeks in that month. All students MUST be registered in our Classbug system and tuition will be charged on the 1st of each month. If you wish to cancel your child's enrollment, it must be done in writing and will be processed within 30-45 days. The rate you pay is for Aug. – July, with June and July offering an amazing summer experience with same amount of hours they would normally attend in a regular month, all within one exciting week. See Calendar of Event for Summer Camp dates.

FAMILY REGISTRATION FEE: \$75.00.

This is a non-refundable deposit with Fall enrollment that will hold your family's spot in the classes you chose.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM PRICING:

| Hours Weekly | Monthly Tuition |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 | \$50.00 |
| 2 | \$95.00 |

DANCE TRACK PROGRAM PRICING:

| Hours Weekly | | Monthly Tuition |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 3 Hours | Shining Star Program | \$120.00 |
| 4 Hours | JR. Mini Star Program | \$150.00 |
| 5 Hours | Mini Star Program | \$180.00 |
| 6 Hours | Rock Star Program | \$210.00 |
| 7+ Hours | Super Star | \$230.00 |

Performance Information

Grace! Ballet performs in the theater twice a year. It is your child's opportunity to showcase their hard work to their friends and family. The sense of accomplishment and the applause from the audience is an experience they never forget. Our productions take you on adventure with an encouraging storyline, dance and acrobatics, set in a professional venue make it a show you won't want to miss! It is assumed all registered students will be performing including Princess & Kinder Dancers, all Acro, Hip Hop, Tap, Ballet & Jazz students. (Exception is BJJ students.)

PERFORMANCES

A Night of Wonder Tucson Convention Center, Leo Rich Theater

Year End Production Sahuarita District Auditorium

Fee's

| Show | Recital Fee | Costume Fee | Tickets |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| A Night of Wonder | \$100.00 Family Performance Fee | Costume Rental Fee's are included. (Up to 3 costumes per family. Solo's or extra costumes may be additional.) | 2 Complimentary Tickets are included. Additional ticket prices are \$15 - \$20, reserved seating. |
| Year End | \$50.00 Family Performance Fee | \$75.00 per costume purchase fee. \$80.00 for XL, Adult sizes and Hip Hop. | \$5.00 General Seating |

Year End pictures services are provided and pictures are used in our slide show during the recital. DVD or BluRay videos of the show may be purchased.

Volunteers

Recitals

Each recital is a big production that requires many helping hands. We ask for a parent to volunteer in at least one of the following area's:

- **Tech Week Chaperones**
- **Room Mom's to gather costumes after A Night of Wonder, wash appropriately & return to the studio.**
- **Hang Posters in the community.**
- **Distribute Programs the night of the show.**
- **Buy an advertisement for our program if you are a business owner or manager.**
- **Help with props.**
- **Seamstress, help with costumes and/or repairs.**
- **Lobby helpers.**
- **Ticket sales**