



## Studio Policies

1. Start: Dance classes will begin Sept. 2, 2008 right after Labor Day AND will continue through May 2009.
2. Monthly Dance Payments: Your debit/credit card will be processed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's tuition (your first registration/tuition payment will be processed immediately.) Thereafter, payments will be automatically processed monthly on the 20<sup>th</sup>. It may take up to 10 days for the charge to show up on your card statement. If you wish to change to another dance class or to drop a class, we must know by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, to allow time to change the automatic billing. Change requests received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month will need to wait until the following month, to change the billing.
3. Dancer's Absence & Make-up Classes: No fee adjustment for dancer's absence. No make-up classes available for dancer's absences. Monthly lesson cost remains the same, regardless if there are 4 lessons in a particular month, or 5 or 3 (depending on how the month is set up). It all evens out in the end.
4. Classes Not Held: No classes will be held on major holidays (Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas). We WILL hold classes on days where there are ½ days of school, early releases, parent-teacher conferences, school in-service days, etc. Your monthly newsletter will arrive via email and will specify those holidays when classes won't be held. Otherwise, assume classes will be held.
5. Arrival & Pick-up: Dancers should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their class time. After class is over, your dancer will not be supervised. Please pick her/him up promptly.

If your dancer has a break between dance classes, he/she is welcome to bring a snack/water and wait in our lobby. Dancer can do homework or watch our dance videos while waiting.

Last class of the evening: We will wait 10 minutes after class is over, for you to pick up your dancer. After that time, we will lock up and leave your dancer outside to wait for you. We don't want to do that---Please don't make us!!! Studio phone number: 322-8082.

6. Parents Visiting Class: To be honest, we prefer that parents not visit dance class because it is so distracting! But, with many of our faculty being parents ourselves, we understand a parent's desire to see what's happening. We ask that no parents visit in Sept. Studio #1 has a small window in the door which you can peek through, studio #2 has a large window, and we're working on getting a camera into studio #3 to show on a screen in our lobby.

After Sept. parents can visit on only the first lesson of the month, and do NOT bring other children with you, no exceptions! That's because it is so distracting for ALL of the dancers in that class when other, non-dancing children/toddlers/infants are there. Sibling, friends, etc. will have plenty of opportunities to see your dancer perform at our recitals.



7. Class Rules: No gum (can choke). No toys (takes too much time out of class and distracts dancers). Bring water bottles (no drinking fountain available). Encourage younger dancers to use the restroom as soon as they arrive at the studio.

Skirts can be worn over leotards, but must be no longer than mid-thigh in length. Long skirts make it extremely difficult for dance teachers to see dancers' leg movements.

8. Costumes: All performing classes will need one costume. They will wear **this SAME costume** for all of our performances during the dance year (Sept.-May). Competition Dance Teams will purchase at least 2 costumes.

All dancers perform in at least two recitals during the dance year (Sept-May) ~ Christmas Recital and Spring Recital. Exception: dancers who are taking the non-performing Jazz Technique Classes do NOT need costumes.

For the most part, we order from costume catalogs, rather than having them sewn. Our costumes are age-appropriate, beautiful, fun, up-to-date, and modest.

In the past, costume prices have been in the \$40-\$50 range for ages 3-5 and in the \$50-\$60 range for ages 6+ with Teens costumes in the \$50-\$70 range. We do our best to select reasonably priced costumes that are still delightful to be worn and to be seen on stage. We want to make it a VERY positive experience for your dancer.

We will be taking your dancer's measurements during class time, in Sept. We will order costumes by the end of Sept. **Your costume down payment is paid when you register. The balance of the costume payment will be due in Oct. or Nov. depending on that specific costume's delivery time.**

Non-performing jazz technique classes will not need costumes. Tap classes will not be ordering costumes through the studio, but will work with the teacher to find "everyday" clothes that dancers can wear as a costume. Hip-Hop classes might do the same thing as the tap classes ~ if that happens; we will refund your \$35 costume deposit.

9. Performance: We believe in performing! There are so many skills that are learned in performing, which can't be duplicated in the dance studio; such as stage presence, poise, looking forward at the audience rather than at the dancer next to you, confidence in front of an audience, knowing where you belong in the space of a stage, working as a group, etc.

Your dancer will perform in two recitals: Christmas and Spring (May or June recital). Our competition team dancers will perform in the Boise Holiday Parade, Festival of Trees, college and high school basketball games, Freeze Frame, drill team competitions, high school spring shows, dance competitions, conventions and more.

We're looking forward to a great year! ☺