

DANCER ETIQUETTE

As a courtesy to your teachers and fellow students, we ask that you follow our etiquette guidelines when dancing with our studio. Your best behavior before, during and after class make you stand out as a serious and committed dance student. These are things to get the most from your time and training with us.

1. Don't arrive late. If this cannot be avoided, enter the class very quietly. Be on time. To avoid injuries, dancer who arrive more than 10 minutes late will be asked to observe the class.
2. Don't leave class early. If you cannot avoid making an early exit, talk to the teacher before class. If your exit is an emergency, do so as quickly and discreetly as possible.
3. Use the Washroom before class.
4. Come wearing proper dance attire.
5. Dancers in ballet classes must wear their hair in a bun. For all other classes, hair must be secured off of the face and neck preferably in a ponytail.
6. Avoid using perfumes or scented lotions before class, as they can irritate others. Be sure to apply deodorant before class.
7. Gum, food and drinks other than water are not allowed on the dance floors. Please eat snacks etc. at the tables provided.

8. Never wear dance shoes outside the studio or wear street shoes inside the studio.
9. Before stepping onto the dance floor with tap shoes, check your shoes for loose screws.
10. Come to class showered and with brushed teeth or freshened breath.
11. Please leave all valuables at home. If you have an iPad/tablet – this can be put in the bin with the phones etc. in class. Leave personal items in your dance bags at the sides of hallway walls.
12. Make sure your clothes and other personal items are neat and in the appropriate place when you're in class and when you're not.
13. Leave cell phones off. These will be placed in a bucket at the front of the class room along with apple watches and Fitbit that receive texts etc. Dancers will be allowed to use phones in the case of an emergency. Even dancers watching will need to place their phones in the bins.
14. If you have an injury prior to class, let the teacher know. If you get injured during class – let the teacher know. Get ice and if possible watch the rest of class from the sidelines
15. Please be respectful and considerate of teachers and fellow students. Be attentive at all times. Help class move along for everyone by staying attentive in line as you wait your turn.
16. Disruptive behavior may result in temporary loss of class participation privileges.

17. Don't talk – not even a whisper – while the teacher is talking. No talking unless you have a question for the teacher. This includes any kind of communication with others in class. No matter how badly you want to correct one of your fellow dancers, don't do it. It's not your place, but that of the teachers.
18. Pay attention, participate and follow your teacher's directions. Listen before asking questions. When you do ask questions, make sure that they are necessary and relevant. Paying attention to every tiniest thing the teacher says, corrections to others can also be applied to yourself
19. Try corrections right away when the teacher gives them and apply them every time.
20. Mark the exercises when the teacher explains them, you will pick up the combinations quicker and often avoid unnecessary questions.
21. If you need to leave the dance floor, wait for an appropriate time and then ask your teacher's permission. Try not to interrupt.
22. Be focused and open to corrections given by your teacher. You are here to learn!
23. Do your dance homework and practice your choreography at home when asked to do so.
24. To show respect to your teacher, to yourself, to your fellow dancer and to all who have danced before you.
25. Show pride in your studio by keeping it clean. Recycle, throw away garbage (even if it is not yours) and take your belongings when you leave.

26. Don't use things that are not yours or that you don't have permission to use. Do not turn things on, off, up, or down in the space without express permission.
27. Approach your class and activities in your class with a good, positive attitude. It helps you and everyone else in your class to learn more quickly and accomplish more.
28. Never sit down unless you are instructed to do so.
29. Watch your language, even when you mess up. The dance studio is no place for expressing yourself inappropriately.
30. Be respectful of others. Allow them the same opportunity you have to learn and participate and space to do it in.
31. Use good posture. Don't slouch or hang on the barre (or anywhere else) and be aware of negative body language (like folded arms). After all, dance is about using your body to express a *beautiful* art form.
32. Most importantly, enjoy every moment in class doing what you love with your fellow dancers.