

Dance & BodyWorks 2011-2012

Parent and Student Guide - Policies and Helpful Information

Mission

The mission of Dance & BodyWorks is to provide the highest caliber of dance education to all people interested in achieving their greatest potential.

Philosophy

We are guided by the belief that dance education should be made available for everyone. Each person can reach his or her highest potential given a disciplined and nurturing environment and dedicated and competent staff that always has the student's best interest in mind. We seek through continued excellence in teaching and community outreach to expand awareness of the great benefits to the mind, body and spirit that dance has to offer.

Core Dance Curriculum

The core dance curriculum for ages 3-17 is packaged to give the students a structured comprehensive dance curriculum. The program is designed to educate students in dance discipline, technique, and history. We strongly emphasize ballet, as it is the foundation for all dance disciplines. Tap and jazz are included to ensure a well-rounded experience. The program also includes class participation in a variety of dance workshops and guest instructors.

Dance Uniform

All students participating in the core dance curriculum must be in proper uniform for all classes.

Female dance students:

Ages 3-4: light pink leotard / light pink tights

Ages 5-17: black leotard / flesh colored tights

Ballet Shoes:

Ages 3-12: pink ballet slippers (full sole)

Ages 13-17: pink ballet slippers (split sole)

Tap shoes:

Ages 3-9: black patent leather tyeette

Ages 10-17: black leather oxford

Jazz shoes:

Ages 5-12: black jazz shoe

Ages 13-17: black jazz shoe (split sole)

Male dance students:

White tee-shirt / black sweatpants

Shoes: Ballet - white ballet slippers

Tap - black oxford

Please note - There will be many identical dancewear items. To help us ensure that your child keeps up with his or her belongings, it is strongly advised that all shoes and dancewear be clearly labeled with your child's name.

The Studio is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Dance Attire for Single Classes

There is no formal dress code for single classes. Students may wear dance attire appropriate for the specific dance discipline.

Payments and Fees

- All tuition for dance classes is due by the first dance class of each month. A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed to your account if the tuition is not paid for by this date.
- Registration fees are non-refundable.
- Members of the same family receive 10% discount on classes
- Students participating in the core dance program receive 15% off the monthly cost of single classes.
- Seniors receive a 25% discount. (Ages 60 and over)
- Missed classes during the month will not be refunded.
- Classes may be discontinued at any time for non-payment.
- Costume deposits and final costume payments are non-refundable. Dance and BodyWorks staff will determine the correct fitting of costumes.

- There is a \$30.00 service charge for returned checks.
- Children that are not picked up within 10 minutes after class dismissal will be charged a fee of \$10.00 every 15 minutes thereafter, or portion thereof. The fee will be assessed to your account. *The well being of your children is our first concern. The studio does not have the additional staff required to supervise unattended children.*
- **Schedule of Fees**

Core Dance Curriculum:

Ages 3-4: Pre-ballet and pre-tap

Cost: \$60.00 per month

Ages 5-17 Ballet, tap, and jazz

Cost: \$85.00 per month

Adults: Any three single classes

Cost \$95.00 per month

Single Classes:

Jr. & Tween & Teen Hip Hop: \$45.00 per month

All Adult Classes: \$45.00 per month (Drop-in rate \$12.00 per class)

- Drop-in classes may be purchased by cash or money order only.

Class Rules and Regulations

- Classes begin promptly. Any student arriving later than 10 minutes after class start time will not be allowed in class. Students may wait until their next class begins. *Students should arrive for class at least 10 to 15 minutes early to allow for class preparation time.*
- Students must use dressing room to prepare for class
- Students in the core dance curriculum must be in proper uniform when they enter the classroom. This includes securing hair away from the face. *Dress code permits the instructor to evaluate and correct student alignment and creates a sense of group identity.*
- Students are not permitted to eat or chew gum during class.
- Students are not permitted to conduct themselves in a disruptive or unruly manner.

- Dance and BodyWorks reserves the right to dismiss any student whose conduct (or the conduct of his or her parents) conflicts with the standards (including the rules and regulations) set by the studio.

General Information

- Parents may arrange conferences with instructors to discuss student's progress. Conferences can be scheduled at the front desk. *Please do not try to talk to instructors between classes, as their schedules are very busy.*
- Spectators are not allowed in the classrooms, as it is extremely disruptive to the students (especially the younger ones).
- Dance and bodyworks is a smoke free environment.
- In cases of inclement weather, please call the studio the day of class to inquire about closures @ (301) 877-2245.
- Web address: www.danceandbodywork.org