

Arlington School of Dance
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Studio Family Handbook

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Our Core Values



Welcome to Arlington School of Dance!

Our studio is focused on achieving exceptional standards of dance. We believe in nurturing creativity and artistic development, while offering a warm and positive environment that all dancers can thrive in.



Tuition/Fees

- * Tuition is due by the 1st of each month. After that a \$10 late fee will be added.
- * 1.5 hr. classes are an additional \$10 per month
- * Tuition must be paid in order to secure class placement and participate in performances.
- * Please note tuition is non-refundable however, we will make every effort to schedule a make up class for you.
- * Recital costumes are non-refundable.
- * The June recital fee is non-refundable after May 1st. This fee allows us to keep ticket prices down and create a special event for your dancer.

Behavior Policies



Our policies have been implemented to ensure any experience for all students, staff and parents remains positive and runs smoothly. It is important that the focus remain on the students. This can easily be lost when concerns or questions arise and are not handled in a calm and appropriate manner. Agreeing to follow this policy is required in order to have your child perform or attend our classes. We encourage you to come to us with any questions regarding this policy and we will be happy to clarify. Questions and concerns are welcome but must be approached using the following guidelines.

- 1.) Respect and patience must be shown before, during and after all activities and events associated with Arlington School of Dance. Inappropriate language and disrespect toward our staff, theater staff, volunteers, fellow parents and students will not be tolerated. Individuals not following these guidelines may be asked to leave immediately.
- 2.) Theater rules must be observed. Example: A) Theater doors will open no earlier than 30 minutes prior to show time. B) Those not presenting a ticket will be asked to purchase one before entering the theater. C) Theater seats may not be reserved without prior permission from the studio director. D) The backstage area is for staff, dancers and volunteers only.
- 3.) Dressing room rules must be followed, and all questions or concerns presented calmly and appropriately.

Behavior Policies (continued)



4.) In order to perform, classes must be supervised in their dressing room. Staff is not available to remain with students, as we are busy running the show. Please consider volunteering to help at recital. We appreciate helping hands.

5.) If inappropriate behavior by parents, guests in your party or students occurs, Arlington School of Dance holds the right to ask those individuals to leave the theater/dressing room/dance studio without exception. It is important to note that this policy was established with positive intent. Our priority is to keep our environment a healthy and happy place.





Class Etiquette Watch Week

- * Students should arrive to class promptly.
- * Be prepared wearing dance attire in line with the studio's dress code. Buckles, belts, bracelets (and such) will damage the floor. The dress code can be found on our website.
- * Hair should be worn up and off of the face.
- * No hanging earrings or necklaces.
- * Practice good hygiene. This includes washing dance attire regularly wearing deodorant to class (as needed) and so on.
- * Be kind and respectful to the instructor/fellow dancers.
- * Refrain from interrupting your instructor. It is better to let them finish then raise your hand. Never shout out questions, comments or corrections.

WATCH WEEK: To ensure students progress without distraction, we find it best for the dancers to have parents observe the first class of the month. This enables us to hold classes with their full attention, and parents still have the opportunity to observe. We ask that you keep in mind voices carry from the balcony. We can hear even quiet talking from below. Taking pictures can be distracting during class. We welcome photos, but before or after class is best. Taking/making calls is not allowed during class. Most important, please do not correct your student or their teacher while watching. It rarely works, tends to disrupt class and brings negative attention to your dancer. As a parent it can be hard to hold back, but please do so. Even if done with good intention, these distractions tend to make class difficult. Take this time to relax and enjoy your dancer. They love to show off for you!