

THE SCHOOL AT DANCEWAVE

School Policies 2011-12

Parent Expectations

Parents of Dancewave students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines. These guidelines are in place to protect the best interests of yourself, your child and the Dancewave community.

- **Complete and submit the medical, liability and photo release forms prior to the first day of class.**
- Make sure your email/ mailing address and phone numbers are current and you are receiving regular communications from Dancewave.
- Notify Dancewave if your child is going to be absent or late. We care about the whereabouts of your child!
- Pay all tuition and fees on time.
- Do not stand by the studio window while waiting for your child. It distracts the class in progress.
- You may observe your child's class in the studio during designated Parent Observation Days **only**.
- If your child is enrolled in Creative Modern I/II or Creative Ballet I/II, he/she must be potty-trained and able to go to the bathroom on his/her own.
- Always feel free to contact Laura Stein, Director of Education, with any questions or concerns: 718-522-4696 or laura@dancewave.org.

Student Expectations

All Dancewave students are expected to adhere to the following behavioral guidelines. These policies are in place so you can get the most out of your dance classes!

- Respect your instructors, your fellow dancers and yourself at all times.
- Come to class focused and ready to learn.
- Listen carefully and do your best—positive attitude and concentration will make you a better dancer!
- Do not chew gum, eat or drink in the studio.
- Clean up after yourself! Do not make a mess with your food, paper or personal belongings.
- Keep lobby conversations and noise to a minimum until class begins.
- No chatting and private conversations in class. This behavior is disrespectful and distracts the teacher



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Attendance

- Students must arrive at least 5-10 minutes prior to the start of class to change and use the bathroom.
- Regular attendance is necessary in order to maintain progress.
- Parents and students must notify the teacher and Dancewave of any foreseen absences.

Parents must call 718.522.4696 or email laura@dancewave.org to report absences or lateness. Please leave a message with name of your child, the date, and the class they will be missing.

Lateness

- Students arriving more than 10 minutes late to class will not be allowed to take class unless the teacher determines otherwise.
- Late students will be required to observe the whole class and complete a "Class Observation Sheet", to be returned to the teacher after class.

Make-Up Classes

- Make-up classes are only available for: Creative Modern I/II, Creative Ballet I/II, Creative Movement II and Ballet IB.
- Students are allowed no more than two make-up classes per semester.

Dress Code

- Creative Ballet, Creative Modern & Creative Movement (18 mos-6 yrs old)
 - Wear comfortable clothing and either ballet slippers or bare feet.
 - Tutus and leotards are welcome but not required.
- Ballet (7+yrs old)
 - All hair must be pulled back away from face and neck in a ponytail, braided or in a bun so hair does not become a distraction.
 - **Black leotard, pink fitted tights, and pink ballet slippers are required* Dancewave sells these items for your convenience.**
- Modern & Other Elective Classes (7+yrs old)
 - Wear tight fitting exercise-appropriate clothing.
 - All hair must be pulled back away from face and neck in a ponytail, braided or in a bun so hair does not become a distraction.

ABSOLUTELY NO MIDDRIFFS, HOT PANTS, DISRESPECTFUL/VULGAR LANGUAGE ON CLOTHING. NO EXCESSIVE JEWELRY. CHEST SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED AND COVERED.

Student & Teacher Evaluations

- Students will fill out an evaluation for each class on the last day of each semester.
- If the student is under 6 years of age, parents will complete an evaluation form on the Parent Observation Day.

Body Adjustment

It is common practice for a dance teacher to touch a child in order to provide correction and help a student adjust their alignment. If you have any concerns about this, please contact our office immediately.

