

Studio 444 Student and Parent Handbook updated: 2024/2025

The purpose of this handbook is to have a clear understanding of our goals and commitment to our dancers academic, physical and psychological well being in the art of dance at our school. As well as our expectations of both students and families.

General Information

Dancers will learn the fundamental skills of the form of dance they are studying and advance to the best of each dancer's abilities. Dance should be thought of as is school, where a solid foundation and mastery at each level builds each year. Dancers will then progress as per their teachers and directors feel will best benefit the student.

Dancers will learn etiquette and discipline required to attain skill and contribute to their and their peers' learning environment. This refers to behavior, attitude, effort, *dress code and preparedness. This does not mean there is not a lot of fun in the process, and we strive above all to facilitate a love of dancing. In extreme cases, failure to comply may result in suspension or expulsion.

*each age and class has a specific dress code and shoe requirements.

See our website for more details or ask your teacher or director.

Dancers are expected to attend classes unless excused by communicating in advance with the studio of absences or tardiness. Good attendance is very important. Please email.

Dancers and families please read and be aware of all communications we send. Email is our primary means of communication to keep you up to date on schedule changes, closures, studio events and opportunities, and billing. You are welcome to email us with any questions or concerns:
info@studio444dance.com

Dancer's will be in our annual spring recital unless otherwise arranged at the time of enrollment. There are attendance requirements to ensure all the dancers have a successful recital.

Parents are welcome to watch classes only on select days where they are invited, such as end of semester showings. This is for the safety and security of dancers as well as to ensure dancers stay focused without distractions.

Financial

Financial commitments must be in good standing for dancers to remain in class, in company or in performances or events. In addition to tuition, dancers will have registration fees, recital fees, and costume fees. All basic dance shoes and attire are available through the studio if needed, and are separate from these fees.

Auto Pay information must be stored in all accounts. You must either pay by cash or check at the studio prior to the due date, pay online (merchant fees will apply), or we will use your stored payment information for past due amounts.

NSF fees will be assessed if payment method fails or is returned unpaid.

Late fees will be assessed for past due accounts and seriously delinquent accounts may be referred to a collection agency.

Dancers will make a commitment to a fall and spring semester at enrollment unless otherwise arranged. Please be sure to communicate at enrollment if your dancer will not be able to attend two semesters. No refunds. Exceptions must be for unique circumstances and approved as such by the director.

Wellness

Dance requires strength, flexibility, endurance and overall well being. Even at their best, dancer's may endure injury or illness. Dancers and parents are encouraged to relate any concerns such as pain, illness or injury to their teachers and or the director. Our director and staff will reciprocate and advise you of concerns we observe.

Injuries or health issues sometimes require a student to modify their training. We want to emphasize that much can be learned and worked on by attending classes even when a dancer cannot participate or fully do the exercises. It is the usual expectation that the dancer will continue to come to class when generally well enough to observe. In the event the director feels a student requires a modification or pause in training, parents will be notified and a coordinated plan with their physician and or therapist may be implemented.

The director may require a note or plan signed by the physician and/ or therapist.

Please notify the studio if a dancer is sick. Please stay home with a fever or diagnosis or suspicion of a communicable illness.

We follow local, state and federal guidelines and mandates.

Company

Competitive Company Dancers must audition and have an additional "Contract". We have options for young and new dancers. Please inquire if your dancer is interested in joining our Company. Auditions are held in May for the following season.

Liability Waiver, Photos and Videos, Privacy

All dancers are required to have a signed Liability Waiver on file (signed by their legal parent or guardian if they are a minor).

Dancers may be photographed or videoed in classes and activities. We may use these in ads, social media, websites, flyers, etc. We do not sell or share any personal information.