



DANCE CLASS RULES AND POLICIES

DanceQuest provides a safe and encouraging environment for dancers to develop and express themselves through movement. All dancers will learn proper technique, develop their own unique individuality, and learn an appreciation for the art of dance. Dancers of all ages and abilities are treated as equal members of our studio and family. DanceQuest's Performing Company offers dancers the opportunity to gain valuable performance experience in various styles. Our faculty welcomes every student with a smile, teaching in a fun and enjoyable way.

ENROLLMENT

Students enrolling need to meet certain age and ability requirements. Sometimes a trial class may be required to determine placement. Teachers make all placement decisions and may make class level changes if necessary. Classes are taught progressively from late August-June. We will endeavor to bring late enrollees up to class level or an additional class may be recommended to help with transitions. DanceQuest offers classes that open up later in the year for late student enrollments or students unable to participate in the recital.

ABSENCES

Any absences during the month may be made up in a class specified by the teacher. Refunds are not given for absences, and make ups must be done within 30 days following the absence. Please give us the courtesy of an email to report absences. If a student misses two weeks, teachers will notify the director and a courtesy email will be sent.

STUDIO CALENDAR

Unless otherwise announced, all classes are held as scheduled between August 15th, 2022 - June 3rd, 2023. Not all holidays are observed, but we will have off the following dates:

Monday, September 5th - Labor Day
Monday, October 31st - Halloween
Thursday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Day
*Christmas Break: Dec 24-Jan 1st
Sunday, April 9th - Easter
Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day

DRESS CODE AND HAIR

All dancers should wear proper dance attire (please see our DanceQuest board for correct apparel by class). Please make sure all your dancers' shoes and attire have their name inside so if misplaced can be returned to the proper student. No street shoes in any dance rooms. Sneakers for Hip Hop should be a separate clean pair only used for the dance studio. Hair should be pulled back off face in either a bun (ballet) or ponytail (Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, and Tumble). If your child has short hair they should use headbands or clips to keep off the face.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check our Lost and Found bin periodically for lost items. Unclaimed items are donated to charity.

CLASSROOM RULES

DanceQuest seeks to foster an environment that will help improve a dancer's self-image, respect for others, response to authority, and a sense of personal responsibility. Please observe the following rules:

1. Dance is a fun form of expression through movement and while learning is our goal, continue to have a supportive attitude and encourage your classmates. SMILE!
2. To best learn, LISTENING is key. Therefore, turn up those listening skills and take corrections to heart by continuing to try even when things get tough. Please don't interrupt or talk in class unless you have a question, and raise your hands for questions. Being quiet ensures that everyone can hear.
3. SAFETY is very important. These DON'T's are meant to keep all safe in the classroom:
 - a. DON'T run
 - b. DON'T invade a dancer's personal space
 - c. DON'T touch the mirrors
 - d. DON'T pull or hang on the barres
 - e. DON'T attempt a skill that is not suited for the classroom
 - f. NO STUDENTS UNATTENDED in the studios without a teacher and must have adult supervision in the lobby by a parent or guardian
4. USE the BATHROOM BEFORE CLASS. Bathroom breaks are allowed in emergency situations. Only one dancer out of class at a time. Younger dancers will not be permitted to use the bathroom without an adult. Teachers will look for a parent nearby to the classroom or, if an assistant is in class, he/she will bring the child out. Older children will be permitted to go on their own.
5. FOOD & DRINK - Food is not allowed in the classroom, but for students taking multiple classes back-to-back, a small snack is permitted to be eaten outside the classroom between classes. Dancers are encouraged to bring water into the dance rooms and only water. Please label all bottles. No gum!
6. PERSONAL ITEMS - Cubbies are located outside the classroom for extra items. Dancers changing shoes may bring their items into the classroom in their dance bags. Other personal belongings may be brought into the studio (ie- cell phones) with teacher permission. However, they need to be placed neatly in a designated area and phones should be on silent to prevent interruption to the class.
7. PHOTOS and VIDEOS are NOT allowed during class time unless a teacher is taking them to promote the dance studio. Parents are invited to share special moments to take pictures and videos on the first day of class prior to the start of the class time, and only upon invitation into the classroom during the year. Please respect the privacy and concentration of the students.