

SPOTLIGHT DANCE

SPOTLIGHT DANCE COMPANY GUIDELINES

2020-2021 DANCE SEASON (9/5/2020)

We look forward to a great year and many celebrations of our 50th year in Prince William County. These guidelines are to be taken seriously and will be adhered to. This is a commitment to yourself, your dance team and your teachers. The dance company year runs from September through July.

General

Dance company members are selected by invitation and audition. Company membership is based on age, ability and the teachers' discretion. Moving into certain companies is a privilege, not a right. It may be hard to understand your placement, but we have been teaching for many years and know what is best for each student. Additionally, if you need to be moved into a different company you will be.

- All company members are to have a notepad and pencil and/or pen in their dance bag to write down any last minute information regarding an upcoming event. We are doing our best to help teach our dancers to be responsible for themselves.
- Each company member will supply a copy of their Birth Certificate by October 15th. We need this in order to participate in certain events and competitions.
- Hair must be a natural color for performances and parades.
- Parent meetings will be held as needed throughout the year.
- Gum chewing is not permitted in the studio.
- Cell phones must be turned off or silenced during class time. Dancers need to focus on learning during class and not be distracted by phone calls, texts and social media.
- The restrictions on the use of Spotlight Branding also applies to Dance Company members and parents. These are outlined in the Enrollment Contract you signed (or accepted online). In the simplest terms no one can use the Spotlight name or logo for any purpose without express written consent.

Attendance

Attendance to all dance company classes, performances, parades and special events is expected. Dance Company parents are responsible for transporting their dancer(s) to and from events. At the beginning of each month a dance company calendar will be emailed to dancers and parents. Please refer to this calendar and your dancer before contacting the studio with questions.

If you need to miss a class or event for any reason, please notify the instructors in advance in writing. An accumulation of (3) unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the team. We understand sickness is not planned, but in the event of sickness please notify us via email or call prior to class. Please coordinate with another team member to review what was learned and discussed the prior week. During your missed class. Using valuable class time reviewing and re-reviewing the same techniques and material holds the entire class back from learning.

Attendance the full week of classes prior to a performance is mandatory. In the event you are not able to participate in an event for any reason (including absences), you are expected to attend, support and assist the team. Your instructors and teammates should not be expected to adjust lines and formations in order to accommodate your absence(s).

All members who do not sign up for and pay for workshops and events by the due date listed on the calendar will be excluded from the activity.

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Uniforms and Attire

Required Items for the Girls	Required Items for Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tan jazz boot • Tan tap buckle shoe for Pearl • Tan tap boot for Ruby, Diamond, Sapphire & Emerald • Pink ballet shoes • Black parade shoes or white ked-like tennis shoes • Rhinestone earrings • Tan Revolution tights • Red tie-dye 2020 Recital t-shirt • Dance shorts in red and black • Spotlight Dance leotard in red and black • Spotlight Dance jacket • Christmas parade and performance costume • Optional Items: • Red Spotlight sweatshirt • Spotlight Dance duffle bag • Black Spotlight Bling shirt • Spotlight water bottle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black jazz boot • Black tap shoes • Black ballet shoes • Black parade shoes • Red tie-dye 2020 Recital t-shirt • Black Spotlight logo t-shirt • All-red basketball shorts • All-black basketball shorts • Spotlight Dance jacket • Christmas parade and performance costume • Optional Items: • Red Spotlight sweatshirt • Spotlight Dance duffle bag • Spotlight water bottle

Proper dance attire and shoes are required for all dance classes. Dancers that do not have the proper shoes and attire for class, will sit out for that class. Dancers are no longer able to dance in bare feet.

Dancers will not be permitted to perform in an event if they do not have the complete costume including all accessories specified for the event. This includes costume pieces, hairstyle, makeup, accessories (e.g. leotard, tights, earrings, etc.) and correct shoes. Exact details of the required attire will be provided to the dancers and emailed to the parents prior to the event. If in doubt contact Ms. Lisa or Ms. Bonnie for clarification. Do not depend on extra items being available for use at events.

Behavior and Dismissal from Dance Company

- Negative comments and/or social media postings about Spotlight Dance, staff or students will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate dismissal.
- Reaching a maximum of 3 unexcused absences from any class, performance, parade or special event.
- Any violation of these rules.
- Foul language and disrespect towards the instructors, front desk, parents or other team members will not be tolerated. Any student or parent violating this rule will be immediately dismissed from the class or removed from the activity and a parent meeting will be held to discuss the status of the dancer. This includes activity in the studio, hallways, events or social media.

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Attitude

Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We can change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one thing we have, and that is our attitude.

Please sign, date and return by September 24th, 2020

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____