

# SPOTLIGHT DANCE

## STUDIO GUIDELINES (9/5/2020)

### **General Policies**

- Gum chewing, food and/or beverages (including coffee and soda) are NOT permitted anywhere in the Spotlight Dance Facility. The only exception to this rule is for capped bottles that contain water.
- Spotlight Dance is a positive environment for everyone. Gossiping and foul language will not be tolerated.
- Parents of younger children should write their child's name or initials in all dance shoes.

### **Attendance**

Attendance to all classes is very important to your child's progress as well as the class as a whole. Students will learn dance, proper technique, rhythm, turns, grace, poise, flexibility, control, balance, and routines during their class(es). Students with excessive absences cannot be guaranteed to participate in the annual recital, as all students must be prepared to perform.

### **Health**

- All students must be physically capable of participating in dance training.
- Please do not bring students who are ill to class until they are well, as it is not healthy for the instructions and other students.

### **Drop-off and Pick-Up Times**

All dancers should be dropped off/picked up no earlier/later than 15 minutes before/after their scheduled class time. Children with one hour or less of free time between classes may stay in the facility. Children under the age of 8 must be escorted into and out of the facility by a parent or guardian. Brothers, sisters and other children, who are not taking class may not be left unattended at the studio.

### **Calendar**

Please refer to the Spotlight Calendar for a listing of holidays and other studio closings.

### **Watch Days**

Parents may watch the students in the dance room during the first week of class. At all other times you may watch through the observation windows. This window is to be shared with all parents and visitors. Please do not try to communicate with your dancer through the window.

### **Inclement Weather**

We do not follow the Prince William County School System for weather related closings. Please check our website at <http://www.getintothespilight.com>, Facebook at SpotlightDance (one word) or call Spotlight Dance at 703-973-8133 if you are unsure of weather cancellations.

### **Shoes & Studio Floors**

No Payless, Target or Walmart dance shoes or any other type of shoe with thin aluminum tap shoes with existing scratches, or shoes of any type that have been worn outside are permitted on the wooden dance floors (this includes all non-dance shoes as well). There are no exceptions to this policy. If your tap shoes have scratches or protruding screws, please bring them to the studio in bag with your child's name on it and we will attempt to buff out the scratches. Shoes with major scratches, gouges, etc cannot be repaired. There are no exceptions to this policy.

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Please wear appropriate dance attire, no t-shirts or loose clothing over the leotards and tights. All hair should be up in a bun or ponytail and up off of the face. For your safety, no jewelry or dangle earrings are permitted.

### **Ballet**

Girls must wear a leotard and tights and may optionally wear a skirt with their leotard so long as it is not a distraction for the dancer and the dance class. Anyone playing with her ballet skirt will have to remove it. Girls must wear Pink Leather or Canvas Ballet shoes (no Satin Ballet slippers will be permitted).

### **Tap**

Girls must wear a leotard and tights and may optionally wear a skirt, shorts, jazz pants or capri pants over the leotard. Tap I through Intermediate Tap students must wear Tan Dolly Buckle Tap Shoes and Junior and Advanced Tap students must wear Tan Pull-On Tap Boots. No black tap shoes will be permitted. Acceptable brands are the shoes we sell at the studio, Capezio, and Bloch.

### **Jazz**

Girls must wear a leotard and tights and may optionally wear shorts, jazz pants or capri pants over their leotard. Jazz students must wear Tan Pull-On Jazz Boots. Acceptable brands are the shoes we sell at the studio, Capezio, and Bloch.

### **Hip Hop**

Hip Hop students must wear comfortable clothing that allows for movement and all black tennis shoes. These shoes may only be used in the studio. Any type of All-Black Tennis Shoe will work or you may purchase Dance Sneakers (same as the Parade Shoes used by Dance Company members) from the studio.

### **Boys**

Boys must wear black dance pants, sweat pants or shorts and a plain t-shirt. Boys must wear Black Jazz Oxfords, Black Ballet Shoes and Black Tap Oxfords. Boys may wear Black Jazz Oxfords or All-Black Tennis Shoes for Hip Hop. Acceptable brands are the shoes we sell at the studio, Capezio, and Bloch.

### **Adults**

Please wear clothing that is comfortable for movement but allows the instructors to see proper form. Black Tap Oxfords, Black Pull-On Jazz Boots, Pink Leather or Canvas Ballet Shoes. Adults may wear All-Black Tennis Shoes or Black Pull-On Jazz Boots for Hip Hop. Acceptable brands are the shoes we sell at the studio, Capezio, and Bloch.

### **Restroom Usage**

All students should use the restroom prior to starting class. Our instructors and helpers may escort children to the restroom during class, but they are not permitted to assist in any way inside of the restroom. If your child requires assistance in the restroom please remain in the facility during their class time.