

## ***Movement Arts Dance Academy 2017-2018 Studio Rules***

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***All students, parents/guardians, siblings and guests who enter the studio are expected to follow the studio & classroom rules.***

- Regular attendance is necessary for proper progress and advancement in all classes. Make every effort to have your child attend class each week. Please encourage your child to follow through on their commitment to their class.
- Class placement is based on age with pre-school classes and age and level with elementary, middle and high school classes.
- Please respect the decisions the Artistic Director and staff make regarding placement, as this is what they are trained to do.
- While most of our pre-school classes are a one year course, some class levels are designed to be a two year course. In many of our upper level classes, students will remain at that level for four or more years.
- Repetition is the key when teaching dance. You may see your child doing the same steps over and over each week. Just as athletes repeat drills such as free throws or pitching over and over, dancers must do the same in order to master their skills.
- Students should wear a cover-up over their dancewear when entering and exiting the studio building.
- Students must wear required dance attire and shoes in classes. Those who are not in proper dress code may be asked to sit out.
- Students should NOT wear their dance shoes outside. It ruins the sole of the shoes and damages the dance floors. Please wear street shoes into the studio and then switch into dance shoes in the lobby before entering the dance classroom.
- Students should use the restroom BEFORE entering the dance classroom. This way, they won't miss any learning!
- Pre-school age students who need to use the restroom will be accompanied to the restroom by one of our classroom assistants.
- Students (and their parents/guardians) should make every effort to be on time for class. Students arriving late to class should put their dance shoes on in the lobby BEFORE entering the dance classrooms. The instructor does not have time to help students change into their dance shoes once the class has begun. If a student is late, he or she should wait until there is a pause in the music to enter the classroom, as to not disrupt the flow of the class.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle with a closeable lid for water breaks. Instructors may choose to give water breaks, if one is needed, *but they are not required to give them*. Students should not leave the dance floor to take a water break on their own without permission from the instructor. The studio does NOT provide cups or water. Students need to bring their own water bottle or may purchase them at the front desk for \$1.
- ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINK is allowed in the dance rooms, other than water bottles with closeable lids.
- Students should treat their instructors and classmates with respect. Students acting out, misbehaving or using inappropriate language in class may be asked to sit out, be suspended or expelled from class.
- No foul language, rough housing or otherwise inappropriate behavior. This includes students, parents, siblings and other family/friends waiting in the lobby or in front of our facility and students inside the classrooms.
- Talking in the dance classrooms should be kept to a minimum. Unnecessary conversation or talking while the instructor is instructing or giving corrections may lead to being asked to sit out. We want the students to have fun, but we also need them to stay focused on why they are here - to dance!
- Cell phones must be kept in students' dance bags and turned off or silenced. Students who check their phones during class will have their phones removed by the instructor and will be asked to sit out.
- No gum chewing in class. This is for the students' safety.
- No running, hanging on the ballet barres or touching mirrors and studio equipment.
- Tuition credits, refunds and make-up classes will not be given to students who are asked to sit out due to inappropriate behavior.
- Parents are not required to stay in the studio lobby unless there are possible separation issues with younger children.
- If you choose to stay, parents are to remain in the lobby during class, unless invited into the classroom by the instructor. We have closed circuit TV in all dance classes and observation windows in the music rooms for parents to view their child in class. If there is a problem in class and you are needed, the instructor or another staff member will come get you.
- Students and parents are expected to clean up after themselves. Please throw away your water bottles at the end of class!
- Parents/guardians are not to leave siblings of students unattended in the studio and must ensure they are behaving well, including no running and keeping noise to a minimum. Remember, students are learning on the other side of the walls.
- Our studio is a smoke free environment. Absolutely no smoking inside the studio.
- No pets may be brought into the studio, as we have several students with allergies.
- No standing or laying on the benches. Place belongings under the benches to make more room for others to sit.
- Do not move studio property from its current location (such as benches, angles of the TV's, clothing fixtures, etc).
- Please refrain from bringing strollers inside, as it crowds the lobby (especially between classes).
- No gossiping or complaining about other students, parents or MADA staff on studio grounds.
- Instructors are very busy between classes. They do not have time to discuss student progress at length. Parents/guardians may leave a message at the front desk for the instructor if they have any concerns regarding their child's progress. All other questions about studio policies, financial requirements, important dates, recital info, etc. should be directed to the front desk only.
- Only positive attitudes (from students and parents) need to enter the studio doors. We offer a fun, family friendly atmosphere, and would like to keep it that way!