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WELCOME

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Welcome to the Magnolia Dance Studio Handbook, your ultimate guide to an exciting year of dance, music, and performance! We've put together this comprehensive resource to provide you with clarity and address any questions you may have as we embark on this incredible journey together. While we encourage you to read this information carefully and keep it in a safe place for future reference, remember that our friendly office staff are always here to support you. No matter how big or small your query, we promise to assist you with enthusiasm!

At Magnolia, we are driven by a shared vision, purpose, and philosophy that permeates everything we do. Our studio is a place where students come to discover the joy of dance, movement, and performing. We foster an environment that celebrates creativity, individuality, and self-expression, forming a vibrant community of teachers, students, and families who are passionate about the performing arts. Our ultimate goal is to create a positive and joyful experience for each and every student. We strive to nurture and develop their talents, celebrate their achievements, and inspire a deep love and appreciation for all styles of dance and the arts. Most importantly, we are committed to providing a safe and empowering space where every student can freely express themselves.

As mentors and teachers in your child's life, we take our roles seriously. Our objective is to ignite a lifelong passion for dance within each student who walks through our doors. Along the way, we aim to lead by example and help your child (and you) create cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

OUR MISSION

At Magnolia Dance Studio we are dedicated to helping every student become the best dancer he/she/they want to be. From future professionals to recreational dancers and every kind in between, we strive to get the best out of every dancer in our family. We believe hard work and dedication produces achievement. This is a lesson that will instill a discipline for students to carry into all endeavors in life. We have high expectations for our students, appropriate to their age. With a supportive and cooperative approach to training from students, parents, and staff, our dancers grow into amazing humans.

Faculty members at Magnolia Dance Studio are dedicated to creating strong technical foundations in all of our dancers from the earliest of ages. When the foundation is strong, the sky's the limit. The highest educational standards are expected from all Magnolia Dance Studio faculty members. They are lifelong learners who continue to educate themselves through certification programs, teacher conventions, conferences, and other learning opportunities.

We believe that dance training encourages people to develop a positive self-image as they increase awareness of their physical being. Along with improving coordination skills and developing muscular awareness, dance classes offer the freedom to express yourself through movement. In a safe and positive environment, we strive to develop talent and artistry, celebrate the achievements of all students, and inspire a love and appreciation for all styles of dance and the arts.

OUR STUDENTS



You are taking the first step towards becoming an amazing dancer by making a solid commitment to your classes. Remember, class time is your opportunity to focus on yourself and improve your technique. Come prepared, leave distractions behind, and embrace each class as a chance to become even better at what you love. Dance full-out, stretch a little further, and make the most of every moment. With dedication and enthusiasm, you'll see incredible progress.

Respecting your teachers is key. Embrace every correction given, as it shows how much your teachers care about your growth. Always say thank you when receiving constructive criticism—it's a valuable opportunity for growth. Your commitment and appreciation for your teachers' knowledge and experience will propel you towards greatness. Nothing can stop those who apply themselves and value their teachers' guidance.

OUR PARENTS

We believe that your support plays a crucial role in your child's dance education. Your commitment to the process makes an enormous difference, and we encourage you to actively participate in your child's dance journey. Our programs thrive in a positive atmosphere that involves the cooperation and respect of all parents. By showing respect for one another, our students, and our faculty, you become role models for your children, demonstrating how to interact professionally and compassionately with others.

Your child's consistent attendance at all classes is imperative.

Together, we foster a spirit of team work and dedication that forms an essential part of our educational process. While parents and teachers may have different perspectives, we share a common goal: ensuring that every child receives the best possible training, physically and mentally. By fostering mutual respect among our faculty and parents, we can create an

environment that nurtures our students with care and the highest quality dance education.



SPECIAL INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS OF PRE SCHOOL STUDENTS



We are dedicated to providing the highest-quality preschool education in a secure, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Our age-appropriate curriculum and ongoing communication with parents address the physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of our preschool students.

During the first few weeks of classes, we focus on helping students become comfortable with the dance experience, their classroom, teacher, and classmates. Through age-appropriate music, stretching and movement exercises, ballet basics, and creative games, we foster coordination, listening skills, musical awareness, and imagination. Remember, preschool dance is about helping children tap into their imaginations and express themselves creatively, rather than solely learning steps. So don't worry if your child doesn't pirouette around the house right away—it's all part of their dance journey.

The process of separating from parents is an important milestone for preschool children attending dance class. As children grow, they learn to develop an interest in class activities, feel comfortable with their peers, and understand that parents will always come back for them. We understand that some children may initially resist attending class, but it's usually short-lived. Here are some helpful suggestions:

- Focus on the positive aspects of the dance class experience.
- Ensure your child is engaged in an activity or under the teacher's care before you leave.
- Keep goodbyes brief and avoid prolonged farewells.
- Seek assistance from the teacher during the separation process. Remember, any tears shed are often for the parent's benefit.

It's okay if dance class may not be the right fit for your child at this moment. If your child expresses distress or does not want to participate, please don't panic. Pushing children beyond their comfort zones may create negative associations with dance. We never want that. Never force your child into the classroom. If your child discontinues classes, we encourage you to try again next year, allowing your child to grow at their own pace.

UNDERSTANDING DANCE EDUCATION

As a parent, your support is invaluable to your child's dance journey. Encourage them to be the best version of themselves, focusing on their own accomplishments rather than comparing themselves to others. Dance is an individual art form, and each student progresses at their own pace. Our dedicated faculty not only teaches technique and steps but also imparts essential life lessons. Through dance, children learn commitment, teamwork, and the rewards of hard work. Our goal is to educate their minds, bodies, and souls, providing them with skills that will serve them well in all aspects of life.



Class Placement

Our experienced faculty carefully considers each student's progress and placement. Placement decisions are based on years of teaching expertise and aim to promote self-esteem and confidence. We understand that every child is unique, and factors influencing placement are complex. Trust in our faculty's judgment and encourage your child to embrace their class with enthusiasm, regardless of the level. Our priority is to provide a positive and empowering environment for each dancer.

Class recommendations will be made by a Magnolia Dance Studio teacher/staff member based on students' experience, abilities, age, behavior, and prerequisites. If dancers are not in the appropriate level, the instructor may request the student move into a different class.

If students feel they are ready to move into another level, it is best practice to discuss with the instructor which class is best suited, or what skills are needed to move into the next level class.

Do's and Don'ts



It's natural for parents and students to draw inspiration from others, but let's focus on personal growth rather than making negative comparisons. Encourage your child to celebrate their achievements and avoid speaking negatively about teachers, fellow students, or other parents. Our faculty takes their role as mentors seriously, guiding students to act respectfully towards their peers, adults, and themselves. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the office staff or the director. Misinformation can be avoided by seeking accurate information from the right sources.

STAYING INFORMED

We strive to make the dance experience organized and enjoyable for everyone involved. To keep you well-informed, please have a current email on your customer account and read all emails and studio updates carefully. Newsletters and important updates will be emailed to you and posted in our private Facebook group. If you have any questions, feel free to ask our office during business hours or send an email. Our website is regularly updated with essential information, and our Facebook page is a great resource for daily updates and connecting with the dance community. If you are wishing to discuss any questions or concerns with the directors or teachers, we ask that make an appointment outside of class time. It is sometimes impossible to talk to parents before, during, or after classes, as we need to keep on a tight schedule, and want to give parents our full attention.

DRESS CODE

At Magnolia Dance Studio, our dress code is designed to foster focus, inclusiveness, and equality among all dancers. By adhering to a uniform dress-wear, we create an environment where teachers can assess technique, alignment, and other crucial aspects of dance training effectively. Let's embrace the dress code with confidence and unity!

To ensure organization, students are asked to carry their dance-wear, shoes, and belongings in a dance bag. Please remember to label your child's bag and all its contents with their name. Let's keep our dance-wear in excellent condition by regularly laundering and maintaining it.

During classes, phones, Apple Watches, and jewelry other than small stud earrings are not permitted as they are a distraction. Students phones and devices are to be silenced and secured in their dance bags outside of the classroom.

Dance shoes should never be worn outside to preserve their quality and cleanliness. Any street shoes worn into the classrooms should be clean and free of dirt, mud, pebbles, etc.

Students should wear their hair tightly secured and styled with no hair in the face; a neat bun is preferred and required for ballet and team. Hair style should be secure enough to last through class and not have to be fixed.

Maintaining good personal hygiene habits, including the use of deodorant for students aged 10 & older, is expected from all dancers.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS

Dancewear can be purchased from a variety of vendors including discountdance.com, dancewearsolutions.com, and The Dancer's Pointe dance supply store located in Columbia, MO.

- **BALLET & POINTE:** Ladies: Black Leotard, pink tights, flat ballet shoes. Black ballet skirt is acceptable, no booty shorts. In colder months, appropriate ballet warm up attire may be worn during the first 10 min of class. Hair in a neat and secure bun. Gents: Black dance pants or tights with dance belt, white t-shirt, flat black ballet shoes.
- **CONTEMPORARY:** Ladies: Leotard, black dance pants/leggings or shorts, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face. Gents: solid color t-shirt and black dance pants or shorts.
- **LEAPS & TURNS:** Tight fitting dance clothes, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face. Jazz shoes or lyrical shoes
- **HIP HOP:** Loose fitting clothes, sweats that will not fall off while dancing, no graphic t-shirts, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face, sneakers/tennis shoes with clean and undamaged bottoms to protect our dance floors.
- **JAZZ:** Ladies: solid color leotard, tights, black leggings/dance pants/booty shorts and jazz shoes, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face. Gents: solid color t-shirt, black dance pants or shorts, and jazz shoes.
- **LYRICAL:** Ladies: Leotard with black leggings, dance pants, or booty shorts and lyrical shoes, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face. Gents: Black dance pants or shorts, solid color t-shirt and lyrical shoes.
- **LITTLE MAGNOLIAS:** Ladies: pink or black Leotard, pink tights, flat ballet shoes, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face. Gents: black athletic pants, white t-shirt, black flat ballet shoes. Mr. or Ms. Magnolia.
- **BALLET/TAP:** Ladies: pink or black Leotard, pink tights, flat ballet shoes, black tap shoes, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face. Gents: black athletic pants, white t-shirt, black flat ballet shoes, black tap shoes.
- **TAP:** Athletic dance wear. No middrifts, no graphic t-shirts, leggings or dance pants that do not cover the top of the shoe, hair pulled back neat and secure out of face, black lace up tap shoes.
- **TEAM:** Ladies: black leotard, tan tights, black leggings or booty shorts, hair in neat and secure bun out of face, all necessary dance shoes. Gents: black or white t-shirt, black dance pants, all necessary dance shoes.
- **ADULT CLASSES:** Comfortable athletic clothing, ballet flats/lace up tap shoes/or sneakers/tennis shoes with clean and undamaged bottoms to protect our dance floors.

REGISTRATION

FEE & TUITION

To ensure smooth operations and provide necessary coverage for insurance and administration, we have an annual registration fee. The fee is \$30 for single students and \$15 per additional family member. Please note that registration fees are non-refundable

To help cover the cost of our artistic helpers, Mr. and Ms. Magnolia, first time Little Magnolias students have an additional \$25 fee upon enrolling in the class. Each student receives their very own bear to take home and bring to class each week!

When it comes to tuition, we want to make it as convenient as possible for you. Tuition is paid monthly while a dancer is enrolled at Magnolia Dance Studio and must be paid regardless of a student's attendance. Tuition is posted on the 1st of each month and due by the 5th day of each month. You will not be sent a monthly statement. If unpaid after the 15th day of each month, a late fee of \$15 will be applied to the account. If tuition becomes two months delinquent students are subject to removal from classes.

Tuition will be billed for the months of September-May. You have the flexibility to make payments at any time during business hours. We accept cash, check or credit/debit card payments, and your receipt will be promptly sent to you via email.

For monthly tuition costs, please refer to the brochure found on our website. Your balances and account specifics can always be viewed in the customer portal once your registration/enrollment has been processed. We strive to make financial matters straightforward and transparent, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.

No refunds or reduction in tuition will be given for missed classes due to vacations, illness, holidays, etc. Some months will have five weeks of class while others have two or three weeks of class; however, monthly tuition will remain the same. Magnolia Dance Studio reserves the right to charge past due balances, plus applicable charges, to the student's account.

Magnolia Dance Studio reserves the right to cancel class or combine classes with another appropriate class when enrollment is low. Students who enroll in classes second semester only may not be able to participate in spring recital due to costume availability.

DISCIPLINE POLICY



At Magnolia Dance Studio, we believe in creating a positive, nurturing, and professional environment for all our students. We emphasize the importance of being part of a group, respecting others, our teachers and staff, and the studio property. Our goal is to foster good habits and cultivate a culture of compliance with rules of conduct.

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Our staff and faculty are trained in constructive techniques of discipline to maintain class control and address individual misbehavior effectively. When a child exhibits unacceptable behavior or attitudes, we take a proactive approach. We kindly explain what went wrong and guide them towards a positive alternative approach or behavior.

In the event of a conflict between children, we handle the situation respectfully. They are separated and encouraged to express what happened. We promote problem-solving and communication between them to find a resolution and reconcile with one another.

Disruptive behavior is addressed in a respectful manner. If a child's behavior continues to disrupt the class, we kindly ask them to stop. Should the disruption persist, a reminder will be given, highlighting how it affects others. If necessary, the children involved may be asked to take a short break (typically three to five minutes) before rejoining the class.

If a child's misbehavior persists and continues to significantly disrupt the class, we may need to involve the parent or guardian. We believe in open communication and will reach out to discuss the situation and request the child to be picked up if necessary. Please remember that our ultimate goal is to provide a safe and productive environment for all students.

CLASS WITHDRAWAL



Students are continually enrolled in classes at Magnolia Dance Studio from month to month unless written notice is received to bloom@magnolia-dance.com by the 20th of the month. If a withdrawal notice is received after the 20th of the month, the next month's tuition will be billed to the account. The withdrawal will be effective at the end of the paid month, and students may continue with classes during the paid month.

Instructors are not permitted to withdraw dancers, and the office cannot accept verbal withdrawals. All balances and payments should be paid in full upon withdrawal. There are no refunds or credits issued for drops received after the 20th of the month, or tuition charges that have occurred. There is no pro-rating for withdrawals.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE



Student's attendance in class is not only important for their progress but also to their peers and our teaching staff. It is an important commitment that students attend their class on time and prepared each week to receive the lesson(s) that have been planned for them. Absences not only affect the individual, but the class as a whole, in planning performance routines, and fostering the social and confidence-building aspects for each age group.

Once you know your child will be absent from or late to class for any reason (school event, vacation, illness, etc.) please contact the front desk via email to let us know as soon as possible so we can contact the teacher.

If a student is mildly sick or injured, but feeling well enough to get out, attending the class to observe is appreciated and encouraged. Students can learn a great deal from observing and listening to class. Observing will be counted as participation.

If a student is late to class, and has missed the warm up portion of the class, they may be asked to warm up on their own before joining the rest of the class. Warm ups are an essential part of class that helps us keep our dancers safe. In rare cases, if a student is more than 25 minutes late to class, they will be asked to sit and observe while taking notes on the class that day. This policy is usually reserved for our most advanced students.

GENERAL POLICIES

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

At Magnolia, we value punctuality and safety for all our students. We kindly ask students to arrive 5-10 minutes before their class begins, allowing them to settle in and prepare for an amazing dance experience. For the safety of your dancer, students under the age of 10 should be walked into the studio. Students over the age of 10 may be dropped off/picked up curbside; we are not responsible for students outside of the studio.

Please pick up your dancer on time. Our staff and teachers have commitments and families of their own so please be respectful. Children under the age of 10 should be picked up promptly after their class. For students aged 10 and older, we kindly request that they are picked up no more than 10 minutes after their class ends. Please understand that we are unable to assume responsibility for students before or after their scheduled classes, so it's essential for parents to ensure timely drop-off and pick-up. Please instruct your child to remain inside the studio between classes and while waiting to be picked up.

Although we understand traffic and other unforeseen circumstances may prevent a dancer from arriving on time occasionally, dancers that are consistently late to a class may be asked to move to another class to prevent future disruptions to a class.

In most cases, there isn't time to talk to your student's teacher before or after class, we keep a tight schedule. If you have questions please bring them to the front desk.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

In the case of bad weather and Magnolia Dance Studio must close, delay or close early, an email will be sent to all students, as well as notices posted on social media. Magnolia Dance Studio does not use the local school district as a guideline, as many times the weather is clear by the time our evening classes begin. Our management team will carefully monitor the weather to make the best decision for our students and staff. Cancelled classes will not be rescheduled or refunded, but students are allowed to make up these classes within 30 of the cancelled class.

MAKE-UP CLASSES

Students who miss class are welcome and encouraged to make up the missed class. Classes may be made up for bad weather days, illness, injury, travel, school events, or any other reason a dancer must miss a regularly scheduled class.

Make-up classes should take place within 30 days of the absence and should be arranged with the front desk staff ahead of time with the help from your teacher if need be. Enrollment must be current; therefore, no make-up classes are allowed after a dancer has dropped not after a season has ended. No reductions or refunds are given for missed classes that are not made up. Reach out to the front desk to determine the best make-up class for your child.

LOST AND FOUND

We know how easy it is for dance-wear, shoes, and personal items to get misplaced. To avoid any confusion, please make sure to label all your child's belongings with their name. We will make every effort to locate and return lost items; however, we kindly ask for your understanding that Magnolia Dance Studio cannot be held responsible for any items your child brings to the studio. Lost and found items are kept behind the front desk in the lobby. Check this area regularly as items are cleaned out and donated frequently.

PARKING

We understand that along with our beautiful downtown location, comes a concern for parking. Street parking is free after 5pm on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday. Customers can also park in the garage off of Madison Street or the lot behind the clothing store off of Monroe Street. From this lot, there is a pass through that will lead you between the buildings and to the sidewalk on E High Street. Please be patient and flexible when finding a place to park and allow for extra time in your travels to ensure your student will not be late for class.

WAITLISTS

Each offered class at Magnolia Dance Studio has a unique minimum and maximum enrollment limit. It is important not to over fill a class so that each student can get the attention they need, there is enough space for everyone to participate fully, and to keep the class productive. In the event of a full class, any student interested in enrolling in that class will be placed on a wait list. Students on a wait list may be able to join the class mid year if a spot opens or, if there is enough interest in the class, Magnolia Dance Studio will open another class on the schedule.

In the event that a class does not meet the minimum enrollment number, Magnolia Dance Studio may make a decision to cancel the class or combine it with another. If the class is cancelled, students who were enrolled will have tuition paused and will be given the option to be placed on the waitlist for the class to reopen at a time when there is more interest.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons help advance dancer's skills and give dancers one on one attention. This is beneficial when trying to reach a specific dance goal, prepare for an event, or help a dancer get to the next level of class.

Each instructor has their own fees and requirements of time needed for private lessons, so we recommend talking to your instructor directly when interested. Private lessons pricing varies depending on the goal of the lesson and the instructor's qualifications and experience level. Private lessons are scheduled with and paid directly to the instructor.

CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS

All concerns and complaints should go through the front desk to be brought to the Studio Director's attention. We ask that parents and students do not contact the teachers directly. The studio director will happy to schedule a meeting with the teacher, parent, and or students.

INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

In the case of unforeseen events, and in-person classes are not able to take place, a remote learning option will be available and regular tuition rates will continue. In case of a temporary interruption of service, Magnolia Dance Studio reserves the right to suspend and reinstate tuition costs once classes resumes or transfer all students to a remote learning environment to limit the interruption. In the event that an act of God, a natural disaster, pandemic, or national emergency causes more than a temporary interruption in services offered, tuition will be suspended until such time that services can resume.

DISRESPECT

In the rare case of a parent, visitor or student showing disrespect or defamation to any parent, visitor, staff member, or student, a meeting may be called and dismissal may be considered at the discretion of the studio director. Physical, mental, emotional, or cyberbullying by parents, staff, or students will not be tolerated by Magnolia Dance Studio and may result in dismissal from the studio.

PERFORMANCES

All performances and competitions are an opportunity for growth, outside of the studio walls. Magnolia Dance Studio expects our parents, staff, and students to conduct themselves in a respectful and friendly manor. Any and all actions observed at outside events will reflect on the reputation of the studio.

Keeping music, costumes, and choreography age appropriate is a big priority at Magnolia Dance Studio. The Studio Director reserves the right to request a change in music, costume or choreography, from any student, parent, or staff member if seen as inappropriate.

Choreography, costuming, and studio policies remain the intellectual property of Magnolia Dance Studio and may not be reproduced or sold by any students, parents, or staff without permission of the studio director.

PARENT/VISITOR OBSERVATION

Parents are not permitted to enter the classrooms at anytime during class hours unless invited by the instructor. This is for the benefit of not only your dancer but of every student in class. While we understand your curiosity about what your child is doing, it's better for their growth and sense of independence when they can completely focus on dance.

Any messages, food, drink, etc. that needs to be given to a student attending class, must go through a staff member. Please talk to the front desk. All parents and visitors should wait in the lobby area until class is dismissed.

Magnolia Dance Studio holds 2 Parent Observation weeks in the dance season. Parents are encouraged to come into the class room to watch class, giving the students a chance to perform their various class exercises. This can be very rewarding for students to welcome parents into their space and show how much they have grown and achieved. Observation dates can be found in the important dates portion of this handbook. Please limit the number of observers who come to class to 2 per student.

STUDENT AND PARENT USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA



We recognize the power of social media in facilitating communication and connection. To ensure a positive and respectful online presence, we have established guidelines for our students and parents. Please take a moment to review our Social Media Policy below.

1.

Respecting Privacy:

Please remember that anonymity on social media platforms is never guaranteed. Exercise caution when sharing posts, images, or videos that may identify children, parents, or staff at Magnolia Dance Studio.

2.

Upholding the Code of Conduct:

Your behavior on social media should align with the values and principles outlined in this Handbook. Let's maintain a positive and inclusive online environment.

3.

Promoting Respect and Kindness:

Any comments or posts that are obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory, or hateful towards Magnolia Dance Studio staff, students, or families are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary or legal action.

4.

Integrity and Confidentiality:

If you choose to engage on social media as a studio volunteer or employee, please do so with integrity, respect, and adherence to our privacy and confidentiality policy. You are prohibited from sharing any sensitive studio information.

5.

Intellectual Property:

Studio owners must observe intellectual property laws, including those related to costume design and choreography when posting online. Respect the creative work and ownership of others. After the completion of a dance season, parents may share videos of choreography ONLY with consent from the choreographer.

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6.

Embracing Diversity:

While affiliated with our studio, we will not tolerate any posts that are racially, sexually, physically, or religiously offensive. Let's celebrate diversity and foster a welcoming environment for all.

7.

Open Communication:

We discourage the formation of "hidden" or "private" groups solely dedicated to discussing studio matters. Instead, we encourage joining our closed Facebook group for public discussions. Let's ensure transparency and open communication.

8.

Consent and Privacy:

Posting photographs or videos featuring Magnolia Dance Studio dancers (other than your own child) online requires the proven consent of their parent/guardian. Furthermore, please remove any identifying information, such as names, ages, or locations, when sharing content involving minors.

9.

Direct Communication:

Matters directly related to the studio, including fees, scheduling, staffing, or performance opportunities, should not be communicated via social media. We have an open-door policy and encourage you to communicate any questions, complaints, or feedback directly to the Studio Owner.

Remember, social media should not replace direct communication through email, or in-person conversations at the studio. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in Magnolia classes, please contact our office.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can create a vibrant and respectful online community that reflects the values of our dance studio. Let's embrace the digital age while upholding the spirit of Magnolia Dance Studio.

STUDIO ETIQUETTE

At Magnolia Dance Studio, we strive to create a positive and focused environment for our students, their families and our staff. Please familiarize yourself with our studio etiquette expectations for students, parents, and visitors.

IN THE CLASSROOM

- Dancers should wait in the lobby or hallway ready for class, having used the restroom, with hair secured and in the appropriate dress code for the class they are preparing to enter. The teacher will open the classroom and invite the students in when it is time for class.
- The classrooms are not a playground for dancers; therefore, do not allow your dancers to run freely in the classrooms, lobby or hallways. This creates excess noise that is a distraction to classes as well as the potential for injury or damage to property. We are not responsible for injuries, and items broken by students are the responsibility of the student's family to pay the cost of repairs.
- In order for dancers to reach their full potential and attain their personal and group dance goals, consistent attendance is expected.
- Please get permission in advance from the instructor/choreographer before recording or posting videos of choreography to social media.
- No food or drink allowed in the classrooms .
- No jewelry other than small earring studs are to be worn during class.
- Only closed top water bottles are permitted.
- No phones, Apple Watches or gum is permitted in the classrooms.
- For the protection of our floors, please avoid wearing street shoes into the studio.
- Parents observing should stay to the side of the room or slip their shoes off.

IN THE LOBBY

- Since we want everyone's time spent at the studio to be as pleasant as possible, we ask that noise be kept to a minimum in the lobby and student lounge areas. In the front lobby our office is working to answer questions, take care of accounts and payments, etc. Please also be aware loud noise from these areas can be heard in the classrooms and disruptive to our students and instructors.
- Please dispose of all trash and try to keep the classrooms, lobby, student lounge, restrooms, and dressing areas clean for all families to enjoy.
- No eating in the front lobby or in the dressing rooms. There is an area available in the student lounge for dancers that are at the studio for long hours and need a snack or to work on homework between classes.
- We love our dancers and their families; however, please be aware that Magnolia Dance Studio cannot be held responsible for unattended students or siblings left in the lobby areas. Please do not drop off young dancers more than 10 minutes before class without a parent or guardian to watch them. Small children should be supervised and within arm's reach of their parents at all times, if not taking a dance class.
- Please clean up after your child in the restroom and lobby area.
- Parents of dancers in our youngest levels should wait in the lobby to assist with water breaks and restroom emergencies.
- Dancers should use the restroom prior to class so they are not missing class for restroom breaks.

RECITAL

Our annual recital is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their hard work and progress. Here are some important details:

1. The Power of Performance:

Our recital provides a professionally directed platform for students to present their achievements to family and friends. It not only enhances their dance training but also contributes to their overall personal development. The experience builds self-esteem, confidence, social skills, and prepares them for future endeavors. Through rehearsal and performance, students learn the importance of teamwork and the joy of creating something remarkable together.

2. Dress Rehearsal:

Dress Rehearsal is scheduled to ensure our students' preparedness for the big stage. Participating in the dress rehearsal is mandatory for all students in order to perform in the recital. This policy applies to all students without exceptions. Dress Rehearsal is closed to family and friends other than one parent per family. No audience members will be permitted to watch.

3. Recital Fee:

To help offset costs of facility rental, printing programs, and compensating our faculty and staff for their time, a Recital Fee will be due by March 5th. The fee will be \$50 for the first performer and \$25 for each additional performer in your family. Upon paying your recital fee, you will also receive your recital packet which will include more detailed information about location and schedule for Dress Rehearsal and Recital Day. This fee also includes the cost of 2 tickets to the recital for your family to enjoy. Recital ticket voucher must be presented at the time of purchasing your tickets in order to receive your two free tickets.

4. Costume Orders:

We devote significant time and effort in selecting appropriate, high-quality, and affordable costumes for our dancers. Please take note of the following costume-related details:

Starting in early November, students will be measured by the front desk staff for their spring recital costumes. Each class with the exception of Leaps & Turns and Adult classes will participate in recital and therefore will need a costume. To ensure timely delivery and organized distribution, costume orders are placed at the end of November. Please understand that costume manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds. Consequently, the studio does not refund costume fees..

5. Costume Payments:

Costume charges are applied to family accounts in November and full payment is due the week before Thanksgiving break. Costumes will be distributed only when accounts are paid in full. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure timely payments to avoid any complications. Magnolia Dance Studio is not liable if costumes are not received on time due to late payments.

6. Costume Care:

We must not allow students to wear or play in their costumes before the recital. Many costumes are made to order and have a long manufacturing time so they cannot be replaced if damage occurs. As a general rule, once costumes are sent home, all pieces and accessories should be labeled with student's name, they should be hung neatly on a hanger and placed inside a garment bag, and put away for safe keeping until performance time. There should be no eating or drinking other than water while wearing a costume.

7. Recital Picture Day:

Every April we schedule picture day for class photos to be taken at our studio. It is necessary for all students to be present for their class picture. A schedule outlining when your student should arrive and be ready in costume with hair and make-up done will be published in the weeks leading up to the day. Other than students with a competitive solo routine, only group photos will be taken.

8. Picture Day Performance:

Immediately after having their picture taken, students will proceed, as a class, into studio East to perform their recital dance for the teachers and parents who are present. This is an excellent first dress rehearsal, giving parents a preview of the dances and allowing the students and teachers to work out any kinks over the next few weeks to be ready for recital day. This also works beautifully as a deadline for our classes to have choreography learned and music ready long before we hit the stage.



A Final Note:

We are thrilled to have you on board for an extraordinary dance journey filled with passion, growth, and possibilities.

Our team of dedicated, enthusiastic, and talented teachers considers it an honor to be part of your family's dance education. We are wholeheartedly committed to supporting and guiding you every step of the way. Whether you have questions about registration, tuition, or recital, we are here for you. Let's maintain open lines of communication and work together to ensure a positive and uplifting dance experience for everyone involved.

Thank you for choosing Magnolia Dance Studio as your dance home. We are dedicated to providing a joyful, enriching, and empowering experience for all our students and families. Together, let's embark on this incredible dance journey!

Get ready to shine, express yourself, and embrace the magic of dance and the arts at Magnolia Dance Studio. Welcome to our family, where talent blossoms!

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