



Studio Policies

Dance class is education and fun, however, an important part of class work is developing an attitude of discipline and respect for teachers and fellow students. We trust that following our guidelines below will provide an environment at [Avanti Dance Company](#) that will be a pleasure for all concerned.

Please note the following guidelines regarding all Students/Parents:

1. Students should be dressed and prepared for class before it starts. No street shoes should be worn in the studios. Please change into dance shoes before class. We request that students carefully observe our dress code as outlined on page 3 of this document.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Good attendance is imperative, as absences and tardiness can hold back an entire class. Students should be prompt and prepared for class. Any student arriving more than 15 minutes late will not be admitted to class. For your safety and to receive full benefit from your class, please arrange for a make-up class if you expect to be very late. No student should be in the studio unless enrolled in that particular class or unless they have been provided a guest/trial pass from the front desk.
3. **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:** All students are encouraged not to leave the studio room once class has begun. Please allow for appropriate restroom use prior to class. Very young children will be treated sensitively as the need arises. Preschool children may need a parent's attention from time to time for various reasons including bathroom or behavior issues. Parents please do not enter the studio room while classes are in session unless you are invited in by the instructor. If there is an emergency that requires you to remove your child from class early, please inform the front desk staff and they will assist with excusing the student from class. Please do not leave the waiting room when very young children are in class without informing the office or having another parent responsible during your absence. We make every effort to have all children feel safe and cared for in a loving and inspiring learning environment.
4. **RESPECT:** School age children and teens: *please practice respect.* Students are not to be socializing in a disruptive manner during the class with other students. Always treat your teacher and fellow classmates with kindness. Please honor your teacher and fellow students by giving full attention and co-operation. Parents will be advised if we feel there is difficulty with any student or if the student is not well adjusted to the classroom environment for any reason over time.
5. **DRESSING ROOM:** The dressing room is for female dancers only (no siblings or parents). Male dancers please use one of the two restrooms to change clothing. Please allow first use of lockers to those who are bringing book bags from school and/or for those who need to change into dance clothing from school clothes. If you are dressed for dance when you arrive at the studio and only have a small dance bag with your change of shoes, water etc., please go directly to your class and take your dance bag with you. Place your dance bag in the cubbies/wall hooks provided in the designated areas. The dressing room is not for eating; please eat in the waiting area (parent lounge, lobby or front patio). Always keep the floor area clear of dance bags, shoes and clothing. Please clean up after yourself.

6. **LOST ITEMS:** Avanti Dance Company is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property. It shall be the student's responsibility to care for his/her own personal items. A lost and found basket is conveniently placed in the dressing room. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each month.
7. **FOOD/DRINKS:** No food or drinks (accept water) are allowed in the dance studios but must be placed in the cubbies provided in Studio Room A (shared with Room C) and Studio B. Do not leave water bottles on the floor. Chewing gum is never allowed in the dance studio. Food will be permitted in the waiting areas.
8. **WAITING AREA:** Parents should not leave young students unattended in the waiting area before or after class. We want our waiting areas to be clean and comfortable for everyone. Please always clean up after yourself.
9. **ILLNESS/INJURY:** During class if a student complains of being ill, or sustains an injury and cannot participate, the instructor will send them to the office where the parents will be notified if they are not on the premises. Only students with a pre-existing sickness/injury are allowed to observe class.
10. **HOLIDAYS:** The studio will not necessarily close regardless if area schools are closed. If in doubt call the studio or check our website before coming to class. If classes are canceled notification from the studio will be sent via email or posted on the website www.avantidancecompany.com

DRESS CODE

DANCE/PRACTICE WEAR

Dance wear is required for all classes. Students must wear comfortable form-fitting dance attire to display proper body alignment and allow for easy movement. No baggy t-shirts, baggy shorts, blue jeans, no jewelry or other inappropriate attire will be allowed. Hair should always be securely pulled away from the face.

- **BALLET** – Girls: Black Leotard, pink tights and pink ballet shoes are required. Skirts, wraps, shorts, pants over tights or tutus must be approved by the instructor. Hair pulled back neatly in a bun unless hair is too short for a bun, then all hair is to be secured away from the face. Boys: Black Shorts, boys/men's black tights, white or black t-shirt, white or black ballet shoes
- **TAP** - Any type of form-fitting appropriate dance wear such as jazz pants, shorts, leotards, sports bras or form-fitting t-shirt and tap shoes.
- **JAZZ** - Any type of form-fitting appropriate dance wear such as jazz pants, shorts, leotards, sports bras or form-fitting t-shirt and jazz shoes.
- **LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY/MODERN** - Form-fitting attire and lyrical shoes, half soles or jazz shoes. Bare feet or socks may be appropriate, but should be approved by the instructor.
- **HIP HOP/FUNK/STREET** – Sneakers/boots (preferably not the same ones used for outside every day wear) shoes must be clean and free of rocks/dirt/debris. Any comfortable/appropriate clothing.