

# *Bella Dance Studio*

## *Policies*

### *Attendance and Payments*

- ★ Attendance is important! Please make every effort to attend class as the student loses the chance to keep up with the class content. If the student cannot attend class for any given time, please call and notify the studio. There are no make-up classes for students to attend and credit cannot be applied to the students account if class is missed.
- ★ All communication is done through email - please add [belladancemodesto@gmail.com](mailto:belladancemodesto@gmail.com) to your contacts.
- ★ We will observe most school holidays. You will be given advance notice of the dates we will not have lessons.
- ★ Bella Dance Studio will not tolerate legal/custody issues between parents within the studio. We have the right to drop your child from our studio if issues become apparent.
- ★ Pointe class - students in these classes cannot miss more than 8 class practices due to the content of the class. Consideration of dropping this class will result if missed days exceeds this number. Pointe dancers must also register for a ballet class - this will help provide extra strength and balance needed for pointe.
- ★ Tuition payment is due the 1st of each month. A late fee of \$25.00 will be applied to your account if payment is made after the 10th of the month. If payment is still not received by the 10th, the dancer will not attend classes until account is paid and up to date.
- ★ August payment is due at time of registration and is non-refundable.
- ★ If you drop during the dance season you will not receive a refund for the months enrolled. You are still responsible for payment through the end of the month if you drop after the 10th of the month. For example, if you choose drop on the 11th of November, payment is still required for the month of November before your contract becomes void.
- ★ Costume deposit payment of \$50.00 will be due by Dec. 15th. To ensure the availability of the costumes a deposit must be made by this time or a costume will not be ordered for your child. Final costume balance is due no later than March 1st. If your child has quit dance after the deposit has been made, you are still responsible for balance due and you may pick up the costume at the studio when it arrives.
- ★ Acceptable types of payment are cash and card. For your convenience you may pay on the website, [www.belladancemodesto.com](http://www.belladancemodesto.com), CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

## *Student Conduct and Dress Code Requirement*

- ★ All dancers will come to class prepared and ready to learn. This includes being on time and wearing the appropriate dance attire.
- ★ Dancers will conduct themselves in a positive manner. Profanity is not allowed. Younger dancers look up to the older dancers as leaders and role models. Present yourself in a positive way and lead by example.
- ★ Cell phones must be silenced and put away during class time.
- ★ There is no food/drink/gum allowed in the studio
- ★ No drugs of any kind are allowed in the studio. If there is an apparent smell in our studio you will be asked to leave.
- ★ Required uniform:
  - Ballet, Lyrical, Pointe - leotard, tights, dance skirt or dance shorts, appropriate shoes, hair must be all the way up
  - Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Cheer - leggings or dance shorts, snug fitted t-shirt or leotard, appropriate shoes, hair must be up all the way
  - No jean or pajama clothing is allowed. No school uniforms are allowed.
- ★ VERY IMPORTANT! This building runs on a septic system. This means the only thing flushable in the restroom (aside from the obvious) is the toilet paper. All feminine products (including tampons) cannot be flushed down the toilet. The system does not break them down and we will a very expensive bill to unclog the system.

## *Performances*

- ★ All dancers are required to perform in our annual recital (end of May/early June). This is generally a 2 night performance - it's not an option to only perform one night. Every dancer must participate in every show night. Failure to attend all performance nights will result in dismissal from the studio.
- ★ There may be extra accessories that need to be purchased for their recital costumes by the parents such as: tights, ribbon, specific color shoes.
- ★ The finale dance is required for all dancers!
- ★ Costume for the finale dance is the finale shirt, which is purchased at the studio, black leggings and their dance shoes.
- ★ All dancers are required to attend all rehearsals of our show week for our annual recital - these are MANDATORY. Show week is the only time we have to practice on the stage therefore it's extremely important that you are in attendance. Failure to attend will result in not performing in the recital.

- ★ There is a possibility of a Christmas performance - this is an OPTIONAL performance and details will be given out to specifically to the dancers who participate.