

The Renaissance Center Dance Program

The Renaissance Center is excited to offer a variety of performances, classes and workshops designed to inspire students and audiences with the *art* of Ballet, Tap, Modern Dance, Jazz, African, Ballroom, and much more. The dance program offers each individual an opportunity to experience the joy of movement and to achieve their personal best. In an effort to create the most successful and safe environment for children to learn, the dance program will follow guidelines similar to those of reputable dance schools across the nation. Invitations and occasional notes will be sent home with students, but check the bulletin board from time to time for announcements. **Thank-you for taking time to review the policies and for helping us make this an outstanding progressive dance program~**

Children's Dance Program Policies

- 1. Students will be placed in a class that will best serve all students.** Factors other than age and previous dance training are taken into consideration. An assessment of each child's physical, social, and attention attributes, as well as specific skills required at each level will be determined before or during the first two weeks of the session and students will be promoted accordingly.
- 2. ARRIVAL - Students enter through the main entrance, dress and use the restroom near the theater off the main lobby. Please arrive a few minutes early and be sure your child uses the restroom *just before class*.** Dancers arriving late must have a written excuse. Excessive tardiness may result in transferral to a lower class level.
- 3. PICK-UP -** Parents need not remain at the center during class but must pick student up on time. Students may exit through the side door on the East end of building next to the dance studio. You may instruct children to watch for you to pull up to the sidewalk at the side door before going outside or to wait in the studio while you park and come in. Vehicles must be parked in a space (not at the curb) while you come in. Feel free to enjoy the center bookstore and art galleries during class.
- 4. No one is permitted in the dance studio *unless they are enrolled in a dance class*.** Young friends & siblings are not permitted in the studio. Parents of younger students will be permitted to observe classes only on *Parent Observation Day*. Families of older children will be invited to attend an informal performance at the end of the semester. **NO Running inside the building!**
- 5. Dance shoes are not to be worn on the street or sidewalk as they pick up oil and dirt that creates problems on the dance floor and can damage shoes. No street shoes are allowed on the dance floor.** Wall Hooks, benches and floor space are available for street shoes and clothing on the carpeted area inside the dance studio. Lockers are also available outside the studio for personal belongings during class only. Jewelry and other valuables are to be left at home. Locks are discouraged for students under age twelve. *TRC is not responsible for items left in lockers.*
- 6. No food or beverages except bottles of water allowed in the dance studio.** Children coming to class directly from school should have a healthy snack on their way. (*Smoothies, yogurt, granola bars, raisens, nuts, trail miix, fruit, carrots, or milkshakes are better choices than caffeinated and sugary snacks.*)
- 7. Students are required to wear the designated attire to class and a cover-up over leotard to and from the building.** No loose jewelry. Many *reasonably priced leotards, tights, ballet, tap, jazz shoes and more are available for students to purchase in the The Virtually Unlimited*

Bookstore. Students enrolled in classes receive a 10% discount. Please see the following page for details.

8. Students are required to have hair out of face and off the shoulders - secured in ponytails, braids, buns, etc.

9. Absences should be limited to illness or family emergencies only. Please call TRC - 740-5550 and leave a message if your child will be absent. Classes are continually progressing. Repeated absences may result in a transfer to a lower level class. It is better for students to at least come and watch unless they are contagious. Being "too tired" is not reason to miss class.

10. WEATHER - The Renaissance Center has no set "policy" regarding weather. Each teacher will make a decision based on the elements in his or her area *at least* one hour before class time. When in doubt, please call TRC - 740-5550 or Marci Murphree - 952-2968. *Providing us with the best phone numbers to reach you is very helpful in case of these and other emergencies that may result in cancellation.* A make-up class will be arranged.

TRC Dance Program Dancewear Requirements

Important! All shoes must fit properly. Have Marci check the fit of the shoes before wearing so they can be exchanged if necessary.

Students *must* have bare feet or wear shoes to participate. Footed tights are too SLIPPERY! Convertible tights that function as footed or footless and grow with your child are available in the bookstore!

It is suggested that each student have a small bag designated for dancewear & shoes & hair ties! It doesn't matter if this is a backpack - canvas bag- old purse or a just a grocery bag! but it will help if it's only purpose is for dance. Label with name.

Beginning Creative Dance

Girls: Footless (or *convertible) ballet pink tights, black or pink leotards (any style)

Boys: Black footless dance pants or bike shorts & white t-shirt

Dance- Level One & Two

Girls: Pink ballet shoes w/elastic, ballet-pink footless or *convertible tights, black or pink leotard (any style)

Black tap shoes w/ elastic fastener to replace ribbon.

Boys: Black footless dance pants or bike shorts, white t-shirt,

Black tap shoes, tight-fit cotton/lycra socks or black ballet shoes

Level Two and above may wear short, see-through dance skirts.

Introduction to Dance for ages 12-15

Students at this level may wear any solid color leotard

Girls: Any style Leotard, *convertible or footless tights (pink, suntan or black)

Pink split-sole ballet shoes OR tan split-sole jazz shoes

Boys: Black footless dance pants or bike shorts & solid color t-shirt,

Tight-fit cotton/lycra socks, black ballet shoes or tan jazz shoes

Thank you for your time and attention to the details!

The little things make the big things easier to accomplish!