

## **Fairmount Dance Student Expectations**

Welcome to Fairmount Center for the Arts! We are pleased to have you and your student join our dance community. We strive for excellence in all our dancers, be it novice or advanced, professional track or just for fun. Below are some standards we look for in our dancers. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Dance Director, Andrea Belser McCormick at [andrea@fairmountcenter.org](mailto:andrea@fairmountcenter.org).

### Student Rules:

- Be RESPECTFUL to yourself, your peers, your instructors, and the spaces around you
- Try your absolute hardest! Both inside and outside the studio
- Stay quiet and focused in class and save questions for appropriate times
- Wear dress code
- NO candy/gum during class
- NO electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, pagers) during class
- Water bottles and personal belongings you are uncomfortable with leaving outside the door of the classroom should be placed in the classroom in a section designated by the instructor
- Understand that teacher comments are compliments and tips to help you improve
- Be on time (at least 5 minutes before start time) and mentally/physically prepared for all classes and rehearsals (bathroom, dress, hair, etc)
- Keep on the sunny side and have FUN!
- Rules also apply to performances. Please inform your instructor(s) if you will or will not participate in performances. Tech/dress rehearsals and performance times are mandatory

### FD Dress Code:

- Itty Bitty Ballet:
  - Females: leotard, tights, ballet slippers. Skirts and tutus are optional. Black leotards with pink or flesh tone tights and ballet slippers are preferred but not required. Hair preferably in a bun, pinned out of the face.
  - Males: Sports clothing supporting movement, ballet slippers. Long hair in a ponytail; hair any length should be pinned out of the face. It is preferred to have black male dance tights or jazz pants with white short or long-sleeved shirt (preferably no large logos) and black ballet slippers, but is not required.
- Kinderdance
  - Females: leotard, tights, ballet slippers and tap shoes. Skirts and tutus are optional. Black leotard with pink or flesh tone tights and ballet slippers are preferred but not required. Hair preferably in a bun, pinned out of the face.
  - Males: Sports clothing supporting movement, ballet slippers and tap shoes. Long hair in a ponytail; hair any length should be pinned out of the face. It is preferred to have black male dance tights or jazz pants with white short or long-sleeved shirt (preferably no large logos) and black ballet slippers, but is not required.

- Ballet/Pointe:
  - Females: Black leotard, either pink or flesh toned tights, either pink or flesh toned ballet slippers and/or pointe shoes (if flesh tone: to match as close to the student's natural skin tone as possible). Hair in a bun.\*
    - \* Short hair should be securely pinned back neat, secure, and from the face. All students must wear their hair swept back and up in a secured ballet bun. Braids are accepted, but should not exceed a length much lower than the shoulder. Should you have questions regarding hair, especially of different styles and textures, feel free to contact Dance Director Andrea McCormick at [andrea@fairmountcenter.org](mailto:andrea@fairmountcenter.org)
  - Males: Black male dance tights or jazz pants with white short or long-sleeved shirt (preferably no large logos). Black ballet slippers. Dance belt. Long hair pinned/tied back away from face.
- Jazz:
  - Females: Black leotard, pink tights (optional), plain color shorts or leggings, black jazz shoes. Long hair in a ponytail. Short hair pinned back out of the face.
  - Males: Black male dance tights, jazz pants, or plain color shorts, black jazz shoes. Dance belt. Long hair pinned/tied back.
- Contemporary:
  - Females: Black leotard, tights (optional), plain color shorts or leggings, bare feet or foot undies/lyrical turners, socks are at teacher's discretion. Long hair in a ponytail; hair of any length should be pinned out of the face.
  - Males: Black male dance tights, jazz pants, or plain color shorts, bare feet or foot undies/lyrical turners, socks are at teacher's discretion. Dance belt. Long hair pinned/tied back; hair of any length should be pinned out of the face.
- Tap: Sports clothing supporting movement. Tap shoes. Long hair in a ponytail; hair any length should be pinned out of the face.
- Hip Hop: Sports clothing supporting movement. (No crop tops please!) Clean tennis shoes (not worn outdoors). Long hair in a ponytail; hair of any length should be pinned out of the face.
- Spanish dance
  - Females: Sports clothing for movement, Flamenco skirt and shoes. Long hair in a ponytail; hair of any length should be pinned out of the face.
  - Males: Sports clothing for movement, Flamenco shoes. Long hair in a ponytail; hair of any length should be pinned out of the face.

#### Student Evaluations

- Each student is subject to an assessment in the first two weeks of classes to determine skill level. Students new to Fairmount but not new to dance are welcome to schedule an assessment prior to signing up for classes. Students may be placed in a different level depending on assessment. Levels are determined by skill first, then age range.
- Students are also welcome to add private lessons to supplement their learning. Private lessons are based on instructor availability and pay rate, and availability of space.

- Each student receives an evaluation for each class at the end of every semester to note how they are progressing, focusing on the strengths and challenges each student faces.

### School of Dance vs Recreational Dance

Our Fairmount School of Dance program is a Ballet based program, and offers a progressive curriculum in Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, and Tap techniques with two performance opportunities each year. Students are required to take ballet technique classes, and are encouraged to take FD technique classes in Contemporary, Jazz, and Tap to supplement their dance education, and are also welcome to take other Recreational Dance classes should they choose.

Our Fairmount Recreational Dance program reaches out to the person who has an interest in dance of any and all forms. There are no specific requirements, and students are open to taking as many classes in any genre we provide as they wish. Recreational Dance classes include Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, and Spanish Dance.

We also offer classes during our Sensational Saturdays workshops that could potentially lead to regularly scheduled classes. For more information, please visit our website at [www.FairmountCenter.org](http://www.FairmountCenter.org).