



2010/2011

SCHOOL DANCE POLICIES

REGULAR CLASSES COMMENCE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 AND CONTINUE TO THE END OF MAY 2011

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAMS! PLEASE NOTE, THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT A SAFE, POSITIVE, FAIR AND CONSISTENT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT EXISTS FOR ALL STUDENTS. ALL RULES APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AT **STOUFFVILLE ACADEMY OF MUSIC & DANCE**; NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND REVIEW THESE RULES WITH YOUR CHILD.*

Absence: Regular attendance is extremely important. Continual absence negatively affects the progress of the *whole* class. Please make every effort to attend all classes.

Notices: Newsletters are sent, via email, approximately every other month. They are designed to update and inform, and often contain crucial holiday/recital news. It is important that parents take the time to read & review this information. Please add dance@stouffvilleacademy.com to you list of approved or 'safe' email addresses so our emails are not blocked or sent to your spam/junk filter. Current notices & newsletters are posted inside the office door as soon as they are published. If you do not receive yours, please email us and we will resend it to you. We encourage you to join us on Facebook, where you will receive notification when new newsletters are published as well as the most current school updates.

Conduct*: Students are expected to:

- Be attentive and well behaved.
- Treat fellow students, teachers, and other parents with kindness and respect at all times.
- Arrive at the school ten minutes before scheduled class time, in full uniform, with hair up properly and be ready to dance when class begins.
- Have all required equipment with them at all times.
- Make every effort to attend all classes.
- Ask questions when they have a concern, or do not understand something.

*Disruptive or other rude behaviour is not conducive to a positive learning environment and will not be tolerated.

Parent Viewing: Parents are not allowed to watch group classes. Our goal is to create a safe supportive space where students feel comfortable and free to take chances while exploring their own movement potential. Audiences create an environment where students feel they are 'on the spot' to perform, which is stressful when practicing, and sometimes struggling with, new skills. Although *your* child may feel comfortable with you watching, other students will not, and our responsibility is to the class as a whole. As the recital draws near, students have generally mastered new skills and need performance practice. At this time, when students feel ready, parents will be periodically invited to watch the last part of class.

Food & Drink: Peanuts, all peanut products, chewing gum, & popcorn are not permitted anywhere on the premises. Food is not permitted into the schools. Company Members and Intensive students who are at the

school for several classes in an evening are encouraged to bring a healthy snack or meal with them, along with water. Students who do eat at the school are expected to clean up after themselves.

Snow Days: In the case of inclement weather, parents are asked to call the school or check our website to confirm whether or not classes are cancelled. A recorded message will be left on the school voice mail by 3:30pm and Facebook notification will be provided. Please do not assume that dance classes are cancelled when school is closed. Winter weather changes quickly and roads are often cleared by mid-afternoon.

Recital: Upon the completion of each season, all students have an opportunity to showcase their accomplishments in our annual recital. This year, the tentative date set is Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the Country Day Performing Arts Centre. The dress rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, May 25. More information about the recital will be outlined in upcoming newsletters.