

**DANCE CONNECTION
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**GUIDELINES FOR DANCE CONNECTION
PEEWEE AND MINI COMPANY STUDENTS
2020-2021**

My child and I have read the guidelines for being a COMPANY STUDENT at the Dance Connection and understand what is expected as a member of the Company.

The following forms must be signed and returned to the studio.

- 1) Return bottom portion of the last page of this packet w/ **both** signatures by **Sept. 20th**
- 2) Any Company Clothing must be ordered on the DC website by **November 1st**

***THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE
A CHILD CAN START CLASSES THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21ST**

Class Times:

Peewee Company: Monday 4:30-6:45pm
Wednesday 4:30-6:45pm

Mini Company: Monday 5:45-8:00pm (tap/ballet/jazz)
Optional: Gymnastics Tuesdays 5:15-6:15pm
Improv Thursdays 4:30-5:15pm

ALL COMPANY STUDENTS & PARENTS

ATTENDANCE & TARDINESS

Attendance:

Attendance is taken every day.

Attendance is a must in order for students to develop a strong character through self-confidence and an awareness of themselves both physically and mentally. Attendance also helps to achieve a greater sense of responsibility and a better appreciation and respect for the arts and the studio.

If there are multiple unexcused absences, your child will jeopardize their chance to sign up for a Winter solo/duo/trio, or to compete. An unexcused absence is defined as a missed class that a parent/guardian has not called the studio at least 1 hour prior to the start of class with a reason for absence or tardiness of being sick or an emergency.

ONLY a parent or guardian is allowed to make this phone call. Please DO NOT text Miss Laurie concerning an absence.

As the end of November/beginning of December approaches routines will be starting. Please take careful consideration before signing up for spring activities. Students who do not come to class consistently risk losing their solo, specialty, part in a routine and/or participating in competitions. They also risk their company placement. It is expected that the student is 100% committed to dance January - June. If a student has a headache or a mild illness please have them come to class and observe. The observation will be noted in our attendance books. If a student misses more than 3 classes due to illness a doctor's note is required.

Sports or cheerleading often interfere with dance class time. Please be aware that missing dance for this reason is **NOT** allowed after fall season is completed. Coaches do not allow you to miss a game or practice; I do not allow you to miss a dance class either. It is not fair to teachers and teammates who are trying to further their education in dance, and are hampered by constant tardiness or absenteeism of a student. Carefully choose your commitments.

Tardiness:

A record will be kept of each student's tardiness. Tardy means being more than 5 minutes late for class. Excessive tardiness will not be tolerated. The teacher has permission to **NOT** allow any student into their class if they are more than 5 min late.

Cell Phones and Apple Watches:

Cell phones and Apple watches are **NOT ALLOWED** in the classroom. There is a phone at the front desk if you need to make a phone call or have a parent leave a message. If cell phones or Apple watches are taken into a classroom the teacher will have permission to take the phone until the end of the student's classes for the day.

CLASS DRESS CODE

It is **MANDATORY** for all company students to follow studio guidelines for the dress code. The dress code will be strictly enforced. Students will be given up to two (2) warnings for failing to meet dress code requirements. After a second warning for insufficiently following the dress code the student will be asked to not participate in class. This may impact the student's eligibility to continue with your solo or specialty.

BALLET CLASSES

Black tank or camisole leotard
Pink tights
Hair in bun - NO loose hair (gel and/or hairspray is necessary)
Capezio Canvas Ballet Shoe – Pink (canvas split sole)
(Peewee, Mini, Squirt, Junior, Senior)
Any color sports bra

NON-BALLET CLASSES

Black tank or camisole leotard and/or any color sports bra
Tan tights or no tights
Black leggings can be worn (accent color is allowed, but should be mostly black)
Optional:
Black lycra shorts
DC black camisole shirt
Fitted solid dark color camisole shirt (black, navy, maroon)

Hair in braids, bun or pony tail - NO loose hair

Tap Shoes

Bloch U-shape buckle tap shoes #302- Tan (Peewee/ Mini/Squirt)
Split Sole Tie Tap Shoes – Black (Junior/Senior)
Jazz Shoes – Capezio split sole Jazz shoe #EJ2 Carmel (Peewee /Mini/Squirt only)

Please do not go out and purchase your shoes. For your convenience, Improv Dancewear will host a shoe fitting at the studio at which time orders may be placed. More information will follow regarding date(s)/time(s).

HIP HOP

White (CLEAN) sneakers
Sweat pants
Shirt

SHOES

Students must have proper shoes for every style class by SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
* Students cannot participate in Tap class without Tap shoes and will be asked to sit out

NO BIG JEWELRY, T-SHIRTS, BRALETTES, SWEAT SHIRTS, OR SWEAT PANTS
with the exception of Hip Hop class

PAYMENTS

All Company student's accounts must be current with no running monthly balances in order to perform in outside performances, compete and receive costumes.

PERFORMANCE DRESS CODE

Company students must look uniform when representing the Dance Connection at competitions and conventions.

All Company students must have:

- **Royal Blue Dance Connection Company jacket**
- **NEW Royal blue/white Dri-fit DC T-Shirt**
- **DC black camisole shirt**

Everything must be ordered online on the Dance Connection website on the “DC Store” between **September 20th 2020** and **November 1st 2020**. There will be a sizing chart on the order website. Payment is made at the time of the order. APP IMPRINTS will process credit card payments. THE DANCE CONNECTION WILL NOT BE ORDERING OR TAKING PAYMENTS. **All orders are non-refundable and cannot be returned or exchanged.**

DC will NOT carry extra performance attire. Therefore, please make sure to order by **November 1st**. All attire will be delivered to the studio approximately mid **December 2020**.

In addition, Company students are responsible for having:

- **Solid Black Leggings (length to the ankle)**
- **Solid Black Lycra Shorts**
- **Solid Black (thick) Racer Back Sports Bra (Squirts, Juniors, & Seniors mandatory)**
- **Solid Black Ped Socks**
- **Solid Black Sneakers**

COSTUMES

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Peewee and Mini Company students will have approximately 3 costumes. First payment for costumes is due on **October 10th, 2020**. The second payment is due on **November 10th, 2020**. The Dance Connection will debit/credit your child’s account on those 2 dates.

The following is a list of how many costumes your child will need.

Please see break down on when payment due.

Peewee Company	Appx 3 Costumes	1 Oct. / 2 Nov.
Mini Company	Appx 3 Costumes	1 Oct. / 2 Nov.

COMPETITIONS AND OUTSIDE PERFORMANCES

COMPETITIONS

Not every Company level will enter a routine in a competition. A Company team must show that they have worked hard and the routine must be clean and at competition level in order to enter.

Each competition has a fee per student/per routine to enter - approx. \$60/student/routine. This fee will have a deadline to be paid or the student will not be able to perform. Entry forms must be filled out and payment made 90 days prior to the competition.

Competition fees are due: **January 10th, 2021.**

Approximate Competition Fees:

Peewee	\$124.00/student
Mini Company	\$62.00/student

OUTSIDE PERFORMANCES

ALL Company students are required to participate in all outside performances.

This year we will tentatively be performing at the Globetrotters game approx. March/April 2021 and the Red Sox Game in April/May 2021. These are not optional events. Being part of a team/company means that you perform in competitions as well as outside performances. These outside performances will have a 5 minute routine that will be choreographed and rehearsed during the dance year. These rehearsals will sometimes be during class but other times are at a separate time that the ENTIRE COMPANY can rehearse.

There will be a fee for the teacher's choreography* and rehearsals outside of regular class. This fee of approximately \$10.00 will be added to your monthly tuition Oct- June. There is no additional fee for bus transportation for either event due to the fact that the bus to the Red Sox and Globetrotters has already been paid for. The bus company is transferring our previous payment to the new dates upon notification.

*Due to changes in company team dancers, it is necessary to re-assess and reconfigure choreography and re-teach the choreography since most of the students will have forgotten the dance.

SUMMER WORKSHOP

Summer workshop is MANDATORY for all Company students to remain on the company at the Dance Connection.

Summer workshop is beneficial to all dancers to maintain the dance skills learned during the past year. It also keeps the dancers flexible and dancing up to their full potential.

Summer workshop will be held \ mid-June thru August. In order to remain on a DC Company you MUST participate in 4 classes during the summer. Sign up for classes will be in April. You will only be allowed to sign up for a maximum of 4 classes so please check your summer schedule. Only 12 students will be allowed per class.

COMPANY AGREEMENT SIGNATURE

My child and I have read the guidelines for being a COMPANY STUDENT at the Dance Connection and understand what is expected as a member of the Company.

By signing and returning this form, we agree to the guidelines outlined in this notice for being a member of a Company at the Dance Connection.

DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____