



Attendance Policies for Dance Classes for Children

In order to get the greatest benefits out of the dance experience and be well prepared for performance, students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. However, we do understand that conflicts sometimes arise. Here are the guidelines for the maximum number of classes that a student can miss and still be well prepared to perform:

**For a 24-week session:
no more than 3 absences**

**For a 16-week session:
no more than 2 absences**

**For an 8-week session:
no more than 1 absence**

- Students who are absent more than the above number of days may not be allowed to perform, or may only be permitted to perform in the portion(s) for which they are prepared.
 - Any student who anticipates missing a class or performance must provide written notification (email or a handwritten note) to their teacher at least 24 hours in advance.
 - If a conflict or emergency arises the day of the class or performance, the parent should send an email notification to the teacher, or call the front desk of the school and ask that a message be conveyed to the teacher as soon as possible.
 - For any student who is committed to performing, dress rehearsals are mandatory. **For the safety of everyone concerned, students who miss a dress rehearsal will not be allowed to dance in the performance.**
 - Students who are tardy to class and arrive within 10 minutes after the starting time will be allowed to participate in that day's class if they properly warm-up before joining the group.
 - Students who arrive more than 10 minutes after the starting time will be asked to sit and watch the remainder of the lesson, as it is dangerous to join in a technique class without proper warm-up.
 - Three late arrivals will count as one absence. **Students who arrive late to rehearsals or performances will not be allowed to perform that day.**
 - Students who miss performances without prior consent may compromise their privilege to participate in future performances.
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Flexibility of these policies is solely up to the discretion of the teacher.
