

CLASS POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Follow our studio's policies to ensure your child's safety, progress & positive experience here at CSDS.

CLASS TIME: All classes begin & end on time. Dancers are expected to be prompt. No arriving to class earlier than **10 minutes prior** to class starting and picked up promptly when class ends. Your child will not be supervised as we have classes running back to back. If your child needs to arrive early or if your child is picked up late, a separate \$15 "child care" fee will be added to your dance account.

ATTIRE: Please see the separate dress code handout. All students must have the required shoes and appropriate clothes for each class. Do NOT purchase the WalMart or Target brand dance shoes, they are poor quality. We recommend brands such as Bloch Dance US and Capezio for all your dance shoes.

NO NO'S: Absolutely NO GUM permitted inside the studio. No candy, junk food or sugary drinks. Water is strongly encouraged, please send a bottle of water with your dancer. For TWIRL students, we discourage any drinks at all - the fewer trips to the restroom, the better.

OBSERVATION: Observation of classes is not allowed. To keep distractions at a minimum and the level of concentration at a premium, no parent or visitor may enter the dance rooms during instruction time. Videotaping of students or instructors is strictly prohibited. Arrangements in advance may be made to observe a class as well as video for practicing purposes.

TUITION: The dance season at CSDS is a 10-month commitment, we run from September-Recital in June. Tuition is a yearly fee and can be made in one payment at the start of the dance year, 2 payments, or monthly payments, with each payment due the first class each month with the last payment due the first of June. Monthly tuition not made on time results in late fees. Not paid by the 10th is charged \$5, not paid by the 15th is charged \$10 and students may not be permitted to participate in class. We accept cash or check payable to Center Stage Dance Studio or credit card (all card payments must add 3.5% + \$0.15 per transaction). You can also set up an automatic payment option (you must add 3.5% + \$0.15 per transaction). Venmo, Apple Pay & Zelle are available as well. There is a \$25 fee for NSF checks. All balances must be paid before the last rehearsal of the year for your dancer to participate in the recital.

LATE FEES: As stated above, tuition late fees are as follows... Not paid by the 10th is charged \$5, not paid by the 15th is charged \$10. ***NEW 2026-2027* A late fee of \$10 will be automatically applied to any costume order, competition fee, convention fee, t-shirt order, etc. that is turned in past the due date.**

RECITAL DATES: Rehearsals for recital are mandatory and are extremely important! Mark your calendar starting the end of May and first of June as possible rehearsals. If your child does not attend the mandatory rehearsal on the day before the show, they will not participate in the recital. **The recital's tentative dates are rehearsal June 3rd show June 4th at the SFSC auditorium, please mark your calendar.**

RECITAL COSTS: Each class taken is required to have a costume for our end of the year recital, approximate cost per costume \$50-\$75. Recital t-shirt \$20-\$25, tickets to attend show (yes, parents are required to purchase) \$18-\$30, props (not every class requires) \$5-\$20, example: gloves, hats, chair, specialty tights. Costume orders must be paid in full for your child's costume to be ordered. Costume order forms usually go out around spring break. NO REFUNDS on any costumes or items once the order is processed.

COMMUNICATION: Communication is vital to run anything successfully, if you have a concern or question of any kind please email centerstagedanceap@gmail.com or send a quick text to 8634430814. EMAIL IS OUR MOST EFFICIENT FORM OF COMMUNICATION, please make sure you have our contact saved. Our website, www.csdsavonpark.com is full of important info such as our faculty bios, schedule, events, and tuition info. We keep our social media pages up to date! Make sure to follow us on all platforms @csdsavonpark. Classes run back to back normally, so instructors are not available between classes. If you have concerns that cannot be addressed in a brief conversation, then a phone conference may be scheduled after classes in the evening.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR: Student policies are handed out during the first week of classes. Parents, we ask that you review everything with your child so they understand the guidelines expected of them. Your child is a reflection of you...good manners and proper etiquette are always expected. In order for our classes to be top notch, we expect top notch behavior. If a child is disrespectful, disobedient or uncooperative and disrupts the teaching time, a phone call will be made and the parent must retrieve their child, no refunds are given for classes missed due to disruptive behavior.

CLASS PLACEMENT: We place students in the best, most challenging and appropriate class for their ability level and age. Sometimes the instructor finds that a child needs to be placed in a more advanced level, less advanced level, smaller class, larger class, or more age appropriate class than originally assigned. This is not done without careful consideration on behalf of the child. You've entrusted us with your child's dance education, please take into consideration we are the professionals in this field and we would never risk injuring a child or causing a chronic issue later in life due to the parent pushing to have the child placed in an advanced group beyond their abilities.

CONVENTIONS, CAMPS, PERFORMANCES: During the year many of our students are given the opportunity to attend master classes, conventions, community performances and even trips. We encourage every student if given the opportunity to take advantage of this.

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY: We are celebrating 33 years of success in the competitive dance world. Competitive dance is no easy task and requires commitment with dance being the #1 priority over any other extracurricular activity including school sports and clubs. It requires hard work and discipline, weekends can be the time for choreography and extra practices. Dancers are required to take the full load of classes at CSDS to be considered for placement, classical ballet class is a must; there are no exceptions in this area. There are expenses to consider such as monthly company fees, competition entry fees, extra costumes, shoes and hotel expenses. Company evaluations are held at the end of May. Please email cayliewall@gmail.com for more information.