

DANCE BEAST ENTERTAINMENT

Dance Team Handbook 2020

Program Description, Guidelines, and Expectations



*A program dedicated to
providing a safe and encouraging environment to aspiring dancers.*

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Welcome

It is our privilege to welcome you to our Dance Company, Dance Beast Entertainment. We look forward to working with you and your child to offer a safe and encouraging environment where he or she can experience the benefits of making a commitment to becoming a Dance Beast.

Program Philosophy:

Dancing Builds Confidence And Confidence Is The Key To Success.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Dance Beast Entertainment is to encourage program participants to develop the D.A.N.C.E. B.E.A.S.T. mindset.

Develop rhythm, musicality, and performing skills.

Aspiration.

Never give up attitude.

Confidence.

Empathy towards others.

Bravery.

Encouraging.

Attitude for success.

Sincerity.

Tenacity.

**Believe in
Yourself.**

Handbook Objective

This Dance Team Handbook was developed to introduce you to our dance company, describe some of the guidelines and expectations we have for all our parents and students, and what you can expect from us. We hope that your experience on our dance team will be challenging, enjoyable, and rewarding. Again, welcome!

Latasia T. Floyd

Director

General Class Information

Primary Practice Location:

11832 Atlantic Ave, Lynwood, CA 90262

Class price:

\$50.00 each month (No makeup days for holiday observances)

The \$50.00 monthly fee does not cover fees for other activities and practices outside of normal class times or uniforms.

Payment Options & Due Date:

Payments must be made in person Monday-Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm a week before the next monthly session begins.

Payments are accepted at the Lynwood Community Center located at 11301 Bullis Rd, Lynwood, CA 90262 or online at dancebeast.com.

Note: Students must be registered before the start of the month or they will not be allowed to practice. No Exceptions.

Class schedule:

Dance Beast Kids (Ages 6-10) Tuesdays / Thursdays 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Dance Beast Elite (Intermediate/Advanced Skill Level) Tuesdays / Thursdays 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Dance Beast Juniors (Ages 7-17) Tuesdays / Thursdays 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Class Attire:

Dance Beast Logo Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve, All Black Bottoms, and Comfortable Tennis Shoes.

Note: Students cannot: wear open toe shoes or jewelry to class, eat food or chew gum in class, bring toys to class.

Program Description

We offer hip hop dance lessons to youth ages 3-17. Our dance team is divided into dance divisions based on age and skill level. We offer seven different divisions between both of our Downey and Lynwood locations to accommodate the needs and interest of every dancer. Our divisions are as follows:

- Baby Beast for preschool aged children,
- Dance Beast Kids for elementary aged children,
- Cheer Beast for elementary aged children,
- Dance Beast Juniors for junior high and high school students,
- Intermediate, Advanced, and Competitive classes for dancers who have developed dance skills and have a long-term commitment to our team.

Students can participate in local events, dance showcases, dance competitions, parades, award ceremonies, dance team parties, and more. Special events and activities are optional for beginner level classes. However, students on Intermediate, Advanced, or Competitive teams must participate in most special events and activities.

Class Structure

- All classes begin with a warm-up and stretching to prevent injury.
- Students will practice dance technique and build dance vocabulary.
- Students will learn and create dance combinations and choreography.
- Students will participate in freestyle circle or "Show & Tell" allowing students to showcase dance skills to parents and/or peers.
- Parents must wait outside until asked to come in by one of our instructors.

Class Placement

Every new student will be placed in a beginning level class. Students can be invited to join our intermediate, advanced, or competitive dance teams when they show a commitment to our dance team by remaining on the team without any breaks in registration and/or have improved their dance skills enough to learn difficult choreography at a fast pace.

Student Evaluations

Instructor will recommend class level promotion or demotion through formal student evaluations and/or in class observations. The determination is made on an individual basis by the instructor. Parents do not have the authority to choose their child's class placement. Each student progresses at his or her own pace. Students advance to more

challenging levels as they safely master the requisite skills and techniques, not specific combinations. Please be patient and encouraging with your child. Dance is an art form and cannot be rushed. Often our levels do not coincide with other studios. Some studios have three levels while others may offer 10. To compare levels, it is important to look at the curriculum not the number of years of training.

We believe that it is important for a student to be placed appropriately so that he/she can get the most out of the class. Our instructors take a personal interest in each student. Initial student evaluation involves determining a student's present ability in light of previous dance experience, individual skill and muscle development. Our instructors closely monitor the progress of each student to maximize the benefits of their dance.

Special Events & Activities

Special events and activities include but are not limited to Local Performances, Open Houses, Dance Showcases, Competitions, Conventions, Parades, and Fundraisers. These activities will require additional fees and time commitments. Special events and activities are optional for beginner level dancers, but required for dancers on the Advanced, Intermediate, or Competitive Team. If your child does not plan to attend upcoming special events or activities, he or she may be demoted to a beginner level class. Parents who are unwilling or unable to pay additional fees or participate in extra practices should not participate in special events or activities. Fundraising opportunities may be available throughout the year to help pay for special events, activities, and uniforms.

Behavior & Expectations

Attendance and Punctuality Policy

All dancers are expected to attend all their scheduled dance classes. The most important step towards developing dance skills is consistency. Every class missed is a missed opportunity to learn or improve a dance skill. Furthermore, absences also hinder the team when we are preparing for upcoming performances and events. Absent students make it difficult for coaches and teammates to create and practice choreography with formations and transitions.

Unscheduled absences, late arrivals, and early departures are grounds for disciplinary action. If a dancer fails to attend all their scheduled dance classes on time, they may be removed from a dance routine, removed from a piece of a dance routine, removed from a leadership or captain position, and/or demoted from the advanced, intermediate, or competition team. Make-up classes are not offered to students who miss their classes.

Dance Team Code of Conduct

- Come to every class session on time.
- Come to class dressed in all black bottoms, the Dance Beast long sleeve or short sleeve, and black comfortable tennis shoes.
- Jewelry, food, gum, drinks, and toys are not allowed in class. Students should only bring water to class. Students will not be allowed to leave class to go to the water fountain outside.
- Respect for teachers, parents, and peers will always be expected. Cliques or bullying, aggressive behavior towards others, use of foul language, discrimination of any kind, theft, and gossip is forbidden. This type of behavior will result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the team. We expect all parents and students to be positive and supportive of all dancers on the team.
- No running in class, touching mirrors, or throwing objects. Dancers behaving inappropriately will be asked to leave the class, and parents will be contacted.
- Please take your child to the bathroom before class to avoid disruptive bathroom breaks during class time.
- Dancers are advised to not leave the premises during or between classes without adult supervision.
- At no time are parents allowed to interrupt a class session, unless it is an emergency.
- Label all belongings and leave all valuables at home. We cannot be held responsible for any lost or missing belongings. Please check the lost and found box located at the front desk for missing items.
- Siblings or other children are not allowed to participate in or accompany class if they are not registered.
- Please pick up children immediately at the end of their class. A child will be dismissed from the team if they are picked up late more than three times.
- Please pay registration fees before the start of each new monthly session. Students who are not registered for the current session will not be allowed to participate in class. Parent will be responsible for picking up child from class.
- Use of Dance Beast Entertainment logo WITHOUT PERMISSION is grounds for dismissal from dance team. Logo may not be used on any materials sold, distributed, or offered for sale or distribution.

Disciplinary Actions

The purpose of having disciplinary actions is to hold parents and students accountable for their actions in order to ensure we maintain a safe and encouraging environment for all our dancers.

The program director reserves the right to choose the type of disciplinary action after carefully evaluating the incident that occurred.

Warning – A parent and student will receive a verbal warning if he or she engages in unacceptable behavior.

Written Warning – A parent and student will receive a written warning that requires a signature of acknowledgement if he or she engages in continuous or severely unacceptable behavior. Failure to sign this written warning will result in further disciplinary action.

Removal From Upcoming Performance, Special Event, or Activities – A student will be removed from an upcoming performance, special event, or activity if he or she engages in unacceptable behavior including but not limited to excessive absences, fighting, bullying, or theft.

Dismissal from Dance Team – A student and parent may be dismissed from the dance team for inexcusable behavior that is detrimental to the team or students on the team.

Communication

There are several means of communication. Information may be put on the team's group chat in Band App, website, e-mails, or sent home via a flyer or handout. Do not expect the coach to send you a personal call or text. It is your responsibility to keep up with important information that pertains to classes and upcoming events.

If you have any personal or specific questions please send a private chat in the band app or send an email using the contact page on our website www.dancebeast.com.

Concerns/Complaint Procedures

If for any reason you feel the need to address any concerns, please complete the following steps:

1. Visit our website www.dancebeast.com.
2. Navigate to our Contact Page.
3. Draft an email including the following information: Parent name, Child Name, Date and Time of Incident, Class Location and Incident Description.
4. Send email. Please wait at least 24 hours for a response before sending a follow up email.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MODIFY ANY OF OUR GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE COVERED IN THIS DANCE TEAM HANDBOOK, AT ANY TIME. WE WILL SEEK TO NOTIFY YOU OF SUCH CHANGES BY EMAIL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS. HOWEVER, SUCH A NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE. AN UPDATED COPY OF THE DANCE TEAM HANDBOOK 2020 WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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Acknowledgement

The Dance Team Handbook Parent/Student Acknowledgement form confirms agreement to the expectations outlined on the previous pages. Parent and dancer must follow the rules and expectations throughout the entire year. Failure to follow this contract will result in disciplinary actions.

Student Signature X _____

Student Name (print) X _____

Parent Signature X _____

Parent Name (print) X _____

Date: _____