

Studio Handbook

www.valleydance.org



Welcome to Valley Dance Academy!

Our studio is a close knit family of dancers and parents. We strive to treat one another with respect and understanding, with inclusion at the center of all we do. Every child is welcome to dance with us!

Please register at www.valleydance.org in our parent portal to join classes, set up billing, and receive studio updates.

Tuition

Class tuition is posted on the 1st day of every month and autopay drafts on the 5th. *All unpaid tuition will be assessed a \$25 late fee on the 7th day of the month. Tuition is nonrefundable.*

Sibling discounts and multiple class discounts automatically apply! Save \$10 per month for each additional class or student.

All accounts must have a card on file to join our studio. If your balance is more than 30 days past due, your dancer will not be allowed to participate in class. Students must have a zero balance to participate in any studio performances.

Drop off and Pick up

Dancers should be dropped off no more than 5 minutes before class and picked up no more than 5 minutes after. If late pickups are a recurring problem a child care fee will be added to your account.

Lobby rules

Please do not leave any children unattended in the lobby. If you bring other children to the studio while your dancer is in class, you must supervise them at all times. Only parents/guardians may watch classes in the studio, as other children are highly distracting to the students in class.

Dancers should utilize locker rooms and keep the lobby tidy. Please do not bring extra things to the studio. If your dancer takes multiple classes and needs to bring food, please send snacks that are not messy. Only water may be consumed during class, absolutely no eating or sticky sports drinks during class.

Negative talk or gossiping will not be tolerated whatsoever. Our studio strives to provide the best dance education possible, please help us keep the focus on the students in class!

Dress code

All dancers should have tights and shoes that match their individual skin tone. This celebrates the diversity of all of our dancers! We are happy to help you order dancewear if needed.

Our studio dance store stocks basic dancewear. We can special order whatever you may need, if we do not already have it!

Ballet

Hair must be in a ballet bun (no bun makers). A leotard is required for ballet class, along with skin tone tights and ballet slippers. Wrap skirts or shorts and snug fitting warm up tops are welcome.

Acrobatics

Hair must be in a low side bun.. Hair cannot be loose or hang down low, as dancers can easily pull out their own hair when upside down.

A leotard and tights or leggings is required for all acrobatics classes.

All other styles

Hair must be up and off of the face. A pony tail, braid or bun is acceptable.

Dancers can wear any athletic clothing that is free of zippers or embellishments that could damage the floors or cut their skin while dancing.

Dropping classes

If you need to drop a class for any reason you can do so in the parent portal. You can also email info@valleydance.org 14 days before the 1st day of the month to avoid tuition charges.

If parent or dancer behavior becomes disruptive or disrespectful you may be expelled from our studio. Please treat all dancers, staff, and other parents with respect and kindness.

Choreography

VDA owns all choreography as intellectual property. Please do not perform our dances at outside events without asking your teacher first. (We love to come and support you at school talent shows, etc.)

Teachers post videos on Instagram (@VDA_Salem) so dancers can practice at home. Please encourage your dancer to practice a little every day so they can remember the steps in class.

Recital Solos

Dancers level 2+ are all eligible for a recital solo, though spaces are limited. Soloists work one on one with teachers to learn a dance specifically made to challenge them and help them improve faster.

Soloists must be dedicated, have excellent attendance and a desire to perform alone. Sign ups for solos are in December every year. If your dancer wants a summer solo, weekly private lessons are available by request.

Competition Team

Dancers level 2+ are welcome to join us for competition season! Information for the upcoming season is available in the studio lobby.

Need support?

Teachers are here to help support our studio family both in dance and out. If your dancer is struggling with confidence, choreography, or anything else please let us know. We are happy to accommodate different learning styles or disabilities, so that class is more accessible to our dancers.

Please email us with any concerns or requests. If your student is having a hard time making friends or feeling excluded we always want to know right away! We can help get your dancer a studio buddy to make them feel at home in class. Welcome to VDA, we are so glad you're here!