



WHEATON PARK DISTRICT DANCE CLASS PARENT REFERENCE GUIDE



Welcome to Dance Class with the Wheaton Park District! We are excited to offer a comprehensive dance program with instructors who have years of dance and education experience working with a variety of age groups and demographics.

Please make sure to read through this instructional guide before your first class. Our goal is to provide open communication to parents/guardians while providing exceptional instruction in a fun and safe environment for all dancers.

Class Procedure

Dancers should arrive for class at least five minutes early to prepare for class, allowing time to put on dance shoes, pull hair back, use the restroom, and wait for instructor to welcome everyone into the studio. We ask that parents stay in the building and are encouraged to wait outside the dance room during class. The dance room door will remain closed during class to avoid distractions. Once class is finished, the instructor will open the dance door and release dancers to their parent/caregiver. All dancers should be in proper attire on the first day of class. Our instructors will introduce themselves and will be available before and after class for questions or concerns.

Classroom Rules

No food or gum allowed is allowed in the dance studio. Waters bottles are acceptable but please refrain from any other beverages as they can be hazardous and unsafe in the dance studio, if spilled. Instructors will verbally redirect dancers as needed throughout the class. Any behavior concerns will be communicated directly to parent/guardian by the dance instructor and/or Recreation Manager.

Pick Up/Drop off

Parents are required to be present at both drop-off and pick-up for each dance class. Students will not be dismissed without an adult present.

Observation Week

The last week of every session will be Observation Week. Parents, Guardians and/or immediate family are welcome to sit and watch the last fifteen minutes of class. We ask that you refrain from being disruptive or calling out/communicating to your dancer during class.

Communication

All communication, including if classes are changed, cancelled or adjusted, will be conducted via email, please make sure your email is up to date in our registration system. If you have any questions please contact Chad Shingler, Recreation Manager at cshingler@gepark.org or 630-510-5119. At the beginning of each session, your instructor will introduce themselves. We take pride in open communication and encourage parents/guardians to communicate with the instructor as much as needed.

Attire

It is important that dancers follow dress code to ensure comfort and efficiency in class. Long hair should be tied back out of the face for all classes and levels and hair should be put into a bun for Ballet. You can purchase dancewear and dance shoes online at Amazon.com, discountdance.com or in person at Payless, Walmart, Target, Dance 'n' tees or Play it Again Sports.

Class	Girls	Boys
Ballet	Leotard (Optional Skirt) Tights Pink Ballet Shoes	Fitted white shirt Black shorts Black ballet shoes
Tap	Leotard (Optional Skirt) Tights Black tap Shoes	Fitted white T-shirt Black Shorts Black Tap Shoes
Jazz/Musical Theatre/Lyrical	Leotard (Optional Skirt) Tights Tan Jazz Shoes	Fitted White T-shirt Black Shorts Black Jazz Shoes
Hip Hop	Fitted Shirt Shorts/Leggings Clean Sneakers	Fitted T-shirt Shorts/Sweatpants Clean Sneakers