

LAS VEGAS DANCE ACADEMY

HANDBOOK 2024/25

We are passionate about providing the highest quality education in the art of dance with a strong foundation in ballet technique. We believe that a positive, structured, and inspiring environment will cultivate tremendous growth in our students. Our training focuses on excellence in technique while developing artistry and self-expression within each dancer.

Performances and Fees

The Nutcracker performance date is December 21st with MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal December 20th. We will be doing two performances on December 21st.

The performance fee for **The Nutcracker** is \$115/dancer, costumes will remain property of LVDA. **The Nutcracker will be at CSN's Horn Theater this year.**

Spring Concert dates are June 14th and 15th with MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal June 14th. Senior Show dancers will also have a lighting/spacing rehearsal that week TBA Wednesday, June 11th.

Spring Concert will be at the Summerlin Library. The performance fee for **Spring Concert** is \$150/dancer and includes one costume (to keep after the performance) and theater fees. Any additional costumes needed will be an **additional \$80/costume**.

ALL COSTUME AND PERFORMANCE FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

Attendance

Consistent attendance is crucial in order to make progress.

Missing more than 3 classes from October – Nutcracker or March - Spring Concert will result in needing a private lesson to catch you up to speed. Private lessons are \$80/hour. Failure to attend the mandatory Dress Rehearsal can result in a removal from the performance.

Please notify us when your child is going to miss their regularly scheduled classes. Injured students are invited to observe class until they can physically return to participating. Students who are ill are asked to stay home and rest. We do still offer Zoom as an option for class when you need to stay home but still want to participate.

Make-up Classes

Missed classes may be made up within 4 weeks, in any class of the student's level or below. There are no refunds nor can missed classes be applied to subsequent months' tuition.

Studio Rules

- Have fun while learning the incredible art form of dance!!
- No running, yelling, or rough playing at the dance studio.
- Please keep our lobby quiet so the dancers can focus on learning.
- Please throw away all trash and keep your belongings contained.
- No gum, food, or drink of any kind except water is allowed on the studio floors.
- No gossip, catty remarks, obscene language, or inappropriate conversations are tolerated.
- The Las Vegas Dance Academy reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student whose attitude, behavior, or discipline is unsatisfactory.
- The Las Vegas Dance Academy is not responsible for students after departing the studio property.

Promptness:

We recommend that students arrive early in order to get a drink, use the bathroom, get warmed up, and be properly dressed (including hair secured) and ready to dance at their scheduled class time. All students must enter the studio respectful of classes that are already in session when entering the building.

Dance Etiquette:

We believe that good dance etiquette is of equal importance to good dance technique!

- Be prepared for class in proper dance attire, including hair secured properly.
- Do not have frequent class absences.
- Do not frequently ask to leave for water or bathroom breaks, please prepare yourself before class.
- No cell phones in class. If you need to contact your child during their class please text Miss Mary at (702) 840-1816 and she will relay the message.
- No gum or candy allowed in class.
- Be respectful and kind to instructors, peers, and staff.
- No talking during class.
- Be willing to try new dance material. Put positive energy into your dance class!
- No leaning, lounging, or hanging on the ballet barres.
- No sitting in class unless you have been asked to observe by the instructor.
- Clap at the end of class to thank your instructor.
- If late, ask instructor's permission to join the class.
- If you have an injury or you must leave early, notify the instructor before class.
- When leaving the studio, students must remove dance shoes and cover up their dance clothes or change prior to leaving. Do not go outside during cooler weather without a cover-up. It is important to control the cooling process to avoid injury or catching a cold.

Parents/Guardians

Thank you for choosing the Las Vegas Dance Academy for your child's dance education experience!

You may sit in the lobby and watch your child's **first** class at LVDA, and after that we ask that you do not wait in the lobby. When parents are in the lobby the dancers become distracted and it is hard for them to focus on the class information.

Academy Tuition:

- Tuition is due the 1st of each month. Tuition is paid one month prior to each dancer's starting month of classes. We accept cash, checks, Paypal, Venmo, or a credit card for payment methods. Auto Pay is an option you can set up through your parent portal.
- Tuition is based on the amount of hours per week the student is dancing.
- Tuition remains the same regardless if there are 3, 4, or 5 weeks in the month, it is based upon our 10 month school year.
- Payments not received by the 8th of the month will incur a \$20 late fee.
- **PAID TUITION IS NON-REFUNDABLE REGARDLESS OF ATTENDANCE.** No tuition adjustments or credits are given for missed classes, but you may make up a missed class by taking another similar class within 4 weeks of the missed class.
- All other fees, e.g., choreography, costumes, private lessons, etc. will be charged when incurred.
- Accounts with unpaid balances and no payment arrangements for 30 days will result in placing the student under a class suspension until arrangements are made for payment.

Parent Pick Up

If you are going to be late picking up your child, please notify Miss Mary or the teacher present. **If the studio is closed and you are late to get your child, your account will be charged \$2 a minute after 10 minutes.**

Proper Hygiene for Dancers

If your child is at an age where they need deodorant please kindly remind them to wear it to class. Regularly wash ballet slippers and let your dance shoes air dry **outside of your dance bag** when you get home from class.

Dress Code

All Ballet Classes must have hair pulled back into a bun. Please secure your hair back and out of the face for all classes.

NO jewelry in class.

NO bare midriffs or booty shorts.

Undergarments should not be worn under your leotard and tights (except dance belts for the boys and men).

Your nude leotard is for underneath your costume at performances, please do not wear your nude leotard to class.

Pink tights should be worn underneath your leotard and pulled up to your natural waist above your belly button.

For students who are at the appropriate age, please use deodorant in classes and performances.

Princesses, Pre Ballet, Combo classes, Beginning Tap

Girls: Any solid color leotard, pink tights, no drawstring ballet shoes or tap shoes with a strap not ties. No skirts.

Boys: Any color t-shirt tucked into shorts or leggings, ballet shoes.

Levels 1-3 Ballet (Beginners)

Ladies: Any solid color leotard (not the nude performance leotard), pink tights under the leotard, pink no drawstring ballet shoes. No skirts.

Boys: white t-shirt and black fitted shorts or full length tights, black ballet shoes.

Levels 4,5 Ballet (Intermediates)

Ladies: Any solid color leotard (not the nude performance leotard), pink tights under the leotard, pink ballet shoes. Skirts may be worn at the teacher's discretion for the center work.

Boys: white t-shirt and black fitted shorts or full length tights, black ballet shoes, dance belt.

Levels 6,7 Ballet (Advanced Ballet)

Ladies: Any color leotard (not the nude performance leotard), pink tights under the leotard or black tights over the leotard, pink or skin tone ballet shoes, skirts may be worn. No athletic shorts please.

Boys: White leotard or fitted t-shirt with black full length tights, black ballet shoes, dance belt.

Jazz

Any color leotard with black or tan tights, fitted jazz pants, or fitted shorts. NO booty shorts or bare midriffs. Jazz shoes.

Contemporary

Any color leotard or fitted shirt with tights, leggings, or fitted shorts. NO booty shorts or bare midriffs. Footwear is up to the instructor's preference, usually socks or barefoot.

Tap

Any color leotard or fitted shirt with leggings or fitted shorts. NO booty shorts or bare midriffs. Tap Shoes.

Hip Hop

Shirt and shorts or pants that you feel comfortable moving in. NO booty shorts or bare midriffs. Clean street shoes.

Enjoy your dance education experience with us! We deeply love this art form and are so thrilled that you have chosen us to teach you! We are going to have an incredible dance season this year!

Thank you for taking the time to read our Handbook and have a wonderful time dancing with us!!