

KMC Dance Albertville

Celebrating 25 Years of dancing Fun in STMA !

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Studio Policies 2019-2020

Dear Parents:

It is our pleasure to welcome all new and returning dancers and families to KMC Dance! We wish the students success and fulfillment in the art of dance. As the years go on, students learn many rules and etiquette of a professional dance education. This letter outlines our policies and expectations.

Payments

There is a \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee per class. There will be a total of 8 monthly payments due from September-April. For Show Unit Classes There will be 9 monthly payments from August-April. Once costumes are ordered, they are non-refundable. Orders for costumes will be placed on November 15th. The costumes are prorated in the monthly fee. If your child does not finish the commitment to the dance program, you will be responsible for the remainder of the costume balance. Your dancer will not be able to take their costume home with them once they arrive if your account is not current with us. Payments can be made through our parent portal. You can set up your tuition payments on autopay through the portal, or choose to pay through the portal when it is convenient for you. You may also make payments at the desk with cash, check or credit card. (transactions need to be over \$20 to use a credit card) All of your transactions made at the desk will be reflected in your parent portal. There is a \$30.00 service charge for all NSF checks that are returned to us. If you have a new student coupon that grants you the first month of lessons for free, the costume portion of the September payment will be due with your October payment .

Communications

We keep parents informed of upcoming events, deadlines and other studio happenings through email, the website, Facebook and the bulletin board. Notices are subject to change, so please keep yourself informed. Any information that is sent out in an email will also be on the studio communications page on the website.

Visitors

We encourage parents, relatives and friends to watch classes. We believe that this exciting dance journey should be shared with all the important people in a dancer's life! We do ask that small children who are being disruptive be taken out of the studio so they are not distracting to the class. **PLEASE have all cell phones turned to silent or vibrate when you are watching classes.** We want class time to be free of distractions so the students can focus on learning.

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Rehearsal/Recitals

We have an annual dance program at the end of the year. This is an important part of a student's dance education. By participating in the show, they learn cooperation, stage direction, stage etiquette and gain self-confidence. **The rehearsal and recitals are required for all students.** We award students at the recital for 5, 10 and 15 *consecutive* years of dance

Class Expectations

For your student to gain the most out of the classes, regular attendance is essential for progress. We reserve the right to dismiss a child whose repeated absences or behavior are disruptive to the rest of the students in class. Private lessons are available to make up for missed lessons, or for extra help for dancers who may feel as they are falling behind. They can be scheduled at the desk for \$15.00 per half hour.

Dancers must wear appropriate dance attire for classes and have hair pulled away from their face.

Appropriate attire: Leotards, tank tops, dance shorts. Tights are optional, however helpful in preventing sore on dancer's feet due to the shoes

Inappropriate attire: Pants, t-shirts, baggy/long shorts.

It is essential that we can see the dancer's legs/feet to make sure that they are understanding the right technique. As dancers get older, we need to see their body lines in the shoulders/back to correct and posture issues. We enforce the dress code to prevent injury to the dancers.

Practicing at home is the best way for a dancer to stay on track and ensure that they feel confident when they return to class each week. There are a couple ways you can help your student at home. Writing down the steps during class for them help in the memorization for dancers. We also keep a notebook at the desk for each class if you prefer to copy our notes. Having the class music is also extremely beneficial to your dancer. Please check the music ordering form for your options in getting your dancer's music

We enforce a no videotaping/picture taking rule during class. It is often distracting to the dancers and instructors. In an age where so much shows up on social media and sites such as YouTube, we aim to protect the choreography and teaching practices of our instructors. There will be certain days throughout the year where we **WILL** allow parents to take photos and video tape as we also understand how special childhood is and preserving the memories is important!

Christine's **email** is the preferred way to communicate. Please understand that I will try to answer emails as quickly as possible. If I feels like a message is not urgent, I may not respond right away.

I am looking forward to another year of watching the students learn and grow with the art of dance. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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