

STUDIO DANCE

AT THE HAMILTON AREA YMCA



PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Welcome, students and parents, to our 2018 - 2019 dance season!

In order to make this year run smoothly, please familiarize yourself with our rules, dress code, and scheduled closings. Some policies have changed, so be sure to read everything thoroughly!

Included in this packet, you will find the following forms. Please read them carefully.

- Two Dance Agreement Forms (one to be returned and one for you)
- Important Dates
- Dance Dress Code Information

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Looking forward to another wonderful year!

Sincerely,

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Hamilton Area YMCA Studio Dance



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DANCE STUDIO DRESS CODE

The studio has implemented a dress code to create a professional and organized environment. A neat and tidy appearance sets an attitude of attentiveness and respect for students and teachers. Teachers must be able to see the dancer's body outline clearly in order to make proper corrections on posture and alignment. Hair must be worn in a bun, ponytail, or styled off the face (with clips or a secure headband) so as not to obstruct the dancer's view. Tight fitting sweaters or cardigans may be worn if necessary. Hoodies are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation!

If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Koerber at 609.581.9622 ext. 121 or tkoerber@hamiltonymca.org.

Girls: All classes require a leotard and tights (any style or color). Ballet skirts may be worn for any ballet, preschool, or ballet combo class. Dance shorts or capris may be worn for any jazz, hip hop, tap, musical theatre, or tap or jazz combo class.

Boys: All classes require a t-shirt and shorts or tighter fitting sweat pants.

Shoe requirements for each class:

Tiny Tot	Girls: pink ballet slippers Boys: black ballet slippers
Preschool and Pre-K Ballet/Jazz	Girls: pink ballet slippers Boys: black ballet slippers
Preschool and Pre-K Ballet/Tap	Girls: pink ballet slippers & tan tap shoes Boys: black ballet slippers & tap shoes
Ballet I and II	Pink ballet slippers
Hip Hop I and II	Black jazz or hip hop sneakers
Jazz I and II	Girls: tan jazz shoes Boys: black jazz shoes
Tap I and II	Girls: tan tap shoes Boys: black tap shoes
Tap and Jazz Combo	Girls: tan jazz & tap shoes Boys: black jazz & tap shoes
Musical Theatre	Girls: tan jazz shoes Boys: black jazz shoes

IMPORTANT DATES

September 4	Classes Begin
October 10 - 14	Bring a Friend Week
October 31	No Classes (Halloween)
November 21	Recital Costume Payment Due in Full
November 21	Last Day to Register/Change Classes
November 22 - 24	No Classes (Thanksgiving Break)
December 18 - January 1	No Classes (Christmas/Winter Break)
January 2	Classes resume
March 1	Last Day to Attend Make-up Classes
March 4	Recital Ticket Sales Begin
Mar 31 - April 1	No Classes (Easter Break)
April 12	Recital Ticket Sales End
Early May - Exact date TBD	Dress Rehearsal*
Early May - Exact Date TBD	Recital*

**Dress Rehearsal and Recital dates will be confirmed after the new year*

Other important dates will be posted as they become available. Stay tuned for some fun surprises - spirit weeks, flash mobs, and more!

STUDENT INFORMATION AND DANCE AGREEMENT 2018 - 2019

Parent Copy

Studio Policies & Information

- The Hamilton Area YMCA dance program is a 9-month program running September - May.
- Dance registration payments are due in full by November 21, 2018.
- Leotard, tights, and proper dance shoes are required. Please refer to our dress code for appropriate attire for your child's class. Tight fitting sweaters or cardigans may be worn if necessary. Hoodies are not permitted. Hair must be off the face and tied up securely during all dance classes. Jewelry (except stud earrings) is not permitted during class.
- Please make every effort to ensure your dancer is on time for his/her class. If you find yourself running late for class, please prepare/put on shoes in the hallway and have your child enter the classroom quietly. *Students will not be permitted to enter the class more than 15 minutes after the class has started. Once instruction has begun, the studio door should remain closed with the exception of late arrivals and emergencies. Your instructor will handle all shoe changes.*
- Parents must remain in the building at all times with children under 13 years old.
- Food and drinks are not permitted in the dance studio. This is for the safety of our dancers with severe allergies. (Students are permitted to bring water bottles into the studio unless it creates a distraction.)
- If your child misses a class, he/she is welcome to attend any other class in their age range as a make up. All make up classes must be attended by March 1, 2018. As we will be in preparation for the recital, no make ups will be permitted after this date.
- All class changes must be made by November 21, 2018.
- Costume payments must be made in full by November 21, 2018. A costume will not be ordered for your child until payment is made in full. Late payment will result in late ordering, and there is no guarantee that the costume will arrive in time for the recital. Costume fees range from \$50 - \$80. You will be notified of the exact amount in late October.
- Dancers will be measured during class for the recital costume.
- Dress rehearsal and the recital will be held in late April.
- Costume payments and recital ticket payments are non-refundable.

Please fill out and sign the YMCA Copy of the Dance Agreement, which can be found on the last page of this packet. Thank you!

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Must be completed before participation in class - YMCA Copy

Student Information (please print)

Dancer's Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Dance Classes: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail*: _____

**Required - all communication is done via e-mail*

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Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____