

COMPETITIVE CLASS AGREEMENT – RISING STAR DANCE ACADEMY

Dear Student and Parents,

Welcome to another great year at Rising Star Dance Academy. **Please read this carefully before signing both copies.** Keep one for yourself and return the other with your completed registration form.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **GOOD ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!!!** Over the years we have found that absenteeism creates many problems, including the following:
 - a. It is difficult and frustrating for a teacher to choreograph complicated formations when dancers are missing.
 - b. It wastes valuable class time when a teacher has to spend time reviewing for those students who have missed.
 - c. It is a negative influence on the dance class (es) unity and morale.We request that a student miss no more than 5 classes per year. We understand that there may be some exceptions to the rule, but in general, we feel we are being more than fair. These absences must be excused. A sixth absence is reason for expulsion. Any student with an unexcused absence (i.e. skipping class) will not be allowed to participate in the next competition, and may be asked to leave the class. Students who are absent must make an effort to learn missed choreography from another class member. **Students should make up any classes that they miss.** Make up classes count against absences.
2. **PARTICIPATION:** We expect all dancers accepting a spot in a competitive class to participate in all extra activities during the year, such as extra shows, all rehearsals and rap sessions. Teachers and/or Directors must be notified if a student will be absent from any of these events before deadlines and entries are submitted.
3. **ATTITUDE:** We expect all dancers to come to class with a positive attitude, ready to work hard. The classes (es) are only as good as the members want it to be. All class members will be expected to respect each other. ***Bad attitude and behavior will account in expulsion from the class (es).***
4. **DRESS:** Please come to class in proper dance wear – no sweats, jeans, baggy shorts, button down shirts, or baggy clothes of any kind. For ballet class, wear pink tights and a black or navy blue leotard. You should have appropriate shoes for each class. Tie hair back securely before class so it does not fall out during class. **(A bun is preferred for all classes, and is mandatory for ballet and Jazz classes with a hair net and pins.)** NO gum in class. We encourage all competitive class students to purchase a Rising Star Dance Academy jacket, and/or other RSDA clothing to wear to competitions and festivals. Be proud of your studio!
5. **EXPECTATIONS:** We expect all competitive class members to remain drug, alcohol and tobacco free. Any student found using one of the substances while representing Rising Star Dance Academy (i.e.: before/after class, while at competitions and recitals, or at studio sponsored events, etc.) will be immediately removed from the class.
6. **COMPETITIONS & FESTIVALS:** We do two to five dance competitions/festivals per year. Participation is mandatory unless cleared with the directors. Competitions must take precedence over sporting events. As soon as possible, let your teacher know of any spring weekends that you may have school or family related conflicts. We will try to schedule around these if possible. Any student who misses class the week before a competition may be asked not to participate in that event and entry fees would be forfeited. The teacher and directors would make decisions regarding participation.
7. **RECIHAL & DRESS REHERSALS:** Your class will be scheduled for 3 recital/dress rehearsals. **These are MANDATORY.** Recitals and dress rehearsals must take precedence over all sporting events. You must receive permission in advance from your teacher and/or directors to miss any of your scheduled performances. Failure to do this will result in your not being allowed to participate in the shows.
8. **CHOREOGRAPHY:** All choreography is the property of the choreographer and permission to use the choreography outside of RSDA events is needed by the choreographer or the directors of RSDA.
9. **NO CELL PHONES** are allowed in class. Please leave them in your locker or dance bag.
10. Students are responsible for checking emails and the web page for all current information, schedules and rehearsals.

PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. You must call whenever your child will be absent from class, extra practice, or a scheduled activity. If you know in advance, **please give it in writing** to your child’s teachers or the directors. We cannot possibly keep track of every student without your help.
2. Please try to get your child to class on time (meaning walking into the classroom door on time not the studio). Call if they will be extremely late.
3. Communication is one of the keys to a successful team. Please let us know of any problems before they get too big. Parents must also be team players. Gossiping can lead to class expulsion.
4. We expect all dancers accepting a spot in a competitive class to participate in all extra activities during the year, such as extra shows, all rehearsals and rap sessions. Teachers and/or Directors must be notified if students will be absent from any of these events before deadlines and entries are submitted.
5. Payments are due on the 1st of the month or as per your registration and will not be refunded for withdrawals within the month. Withdrawal is by mutual consent and only after **written** notification to RSDA. The date of notification (not the date of absence) is considered the departure date. No student will be admitted into class with any unpaid balance. **Over and above your saturation rights, you further have the right to cancel this agreement with written notification until November 30th of the given year; therefore no refunds will be issued after November 30th of each year.** All outstanding payments, including costume costs, are the responsibility of the client. **There is a \$10.00/month late charge on all payments past their due dates.** All outstanding payments will be made to RSDA for tuition, costumes, and performance fees before costumes are released. All fees are subject to change. There is a \$10.00 registration fee per student, per year. **Once a student is registered, withdrawals are subject to a \$30.00 administrative fee.**
6. Competition & convention fees must be paid on time. **You are responsible for all fees once students have been entered.** After entry fees have been submitted there will be a \$10.00 late charge for any student wishing to be late entered. Total event fees for the year can be between \$30.00 and \$600.00, and are non-refundable once registered through RSDA. Administration fees are non-refundable.
7. **One or two parents of each competitive class will be expected to work backstage during competitions, Festivals and recitals. RSDA expects all parents to take turns or pay a volunteer fee of \$50.00.**
8. Parents are responsible for checking emails and the web page for all current information, schedules, rehearsals and invoices.

I have read the agreement and consent to adhere to all policies:

Student signature	Date	Parent signature	Date
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(Please print clearly)

Student’s Name _____

Years at RSDA _____

Parents Names _____

If you have any questions regarding the agreement or anything else, please contact us at 669-2369.

Thanks, Miss Allison, Miss Korinne and all the staff at RSDA.

of Absences/Dates _____