

PALM ARTS GENERAL INFORMATION

Level Placement: Student's placement in programs offered is at the discretion of the Palm Arts' teaching staff. Our levels are based upon the guidelines of the American Ballet Theatre National Training Curriculum. This program is widely recognized in dance studios across America, providing a good reference for an individual student's accomplishment. **Please note that it is standard for students to remain in a level for two years.**

Attendance/Tardiness: Regular attendance to all classes in a student's program is necessary in order to maintain progress. Attendance is a strong consideration when placing students in classes and performances.

If a student is more than 15 minutes late to a class, the student will not be allowed to participate. The student is responsible for scheduling and attending a make-up class so he/she does not fall behind. Students who will be missing class need to call Palm Arts' staff – 369.5669.

Winter and Spring Performances: Palm Arts' Dance Program generally performs a winter and spring performance each year. This is separate from the regular fall, winter and spring sessions of classes. Each student is encouraged to participate. Students are expected to attend all classes for their level if they wish to participate in these performances. Please note there is a recital/demonstration fee for each performance.

*Students are expected to attend all rehearsals as well as a **mandatory** dress rehearsal.*

If a student misses more than one rehearsal the student will not be allowed to participate in the performance without permission from Palm Arts.

Registration: All new and returning students must complete a registration form just once during the school year. Students will not be allowed to participate in dance classes unless all registration materials are submitted and either full payment or payment arrangements have been made. **Please note there is no registration fee.**

Drop Off Rates: Do not apply to any student classes, unless it is a first-time trial class. After the first class, and if the student wishes to continue, then the full session's tuition will be assessed. The drop off fee (\$25) will not be deducted from the session's tuition. Exceptions may be made for visiting students; arrangements need to be made with the Palm Arts' staff.

Sick Policy

Please do not send students to class if they are sick or showing signs of sickness including any of the following: any discharge from the eyes or nose (regardless of color), fever, chills, stomachache, diarrhea, etc. If a student arrives at class ill, or complaining of illness, parents will be notified to come pick them up immediately.

Parent/Guardian Etiquette

There are many factors that influence the choices we make at Palm Arts. You can be well assured that our students and the integrity of the dance program are always taken into account. Please remember that dance is an art form and not a team sport. Artistic and preferential choices are made freely by our teachers.

Under no circumstances will criticism of students, teachers, scheduling, casting, costumes or choreography be tolerated. If there is a concern, please notify the Palm Arts' staff. Inappropriate emails or confrontations will be handled immediately with a warning letter to the involved parties. Continued interference will result in expulsion of both the student and the parent(s) from the dance program.

Parental Viewing: Watching your child dance is a pleasure for parents. Palm Arts' staff is aware of this and wishes to accommodate viewing whenever possible. Due to the configuration of the studio(s), viewing can unfortunately be disruptive to the class. Parents will be notified when class viewing in the room is possible.

Palm Arts' staff will notify parents when viewing is possible for classes taught on the Palm stage. For these classes, parental viewing will be from the audience section only. When viewing from the audience, please make sure you leave the space clean and keep other children contained as not to disturb the class. **Under no circumstances are parents allowed on the stage, backstage or in the Palm's back of house.** Unless it is a viewing day, Palm Arts' staff politely requests parents to pick up and drop off from the Palm Lobby.