

**FALMOUTH DANCE ACADEMY STUDIO CONTRACT  
2020-2021 RECREATIONAL CLASSES**

**PARTICIPATION:**

Thank you all for your new or continued participation at Falmouth Dance Academy! Our class selection is based on the following criteria: technique, potential, commitment, level, enthusiasm, attitude and behavior in class, attendance, and stage presence. As the studio director, dancers are placed by instructors and will be invited to the appropriate classes under the direction of the studio director.

**ATTENDANCE AND TIME COMMITMENT:**

Just like organized sport teams, this group of dancers require all to attend class and rehearsals. Absences will not only affect the individual dancer, but the team as a whole.

Each dancer is allowed up to **three (3) unexcused absences** from class and rehearsals. *\*Excused absences receive prior approval from the director; advance notice of absence does not mean it is excused.* The following are considered "excused" absences:

- Death in the family
- Scheduled school programs or performances required for credit.
- Wedding or religious dedication of your or a member of your family.
- If you are seriously ill or infectious.
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**Dancers will watch class/rehearsal in the case of injury or mild illness. These same rules apply for all other classes.**

Punctuality is just as important as attendance, **please be on time and prepared for class.** Two (2) occurrences of tardiness will count as an unexcused absence.

Students should not miss more than **five (5) of any one class** per dance season; after which, the dancer may be dismissed from the team. Dance requires consistent ongoing training, and dancers who excessively miss classes will not be able to perform at the same level as those who have attended all classes regularly.

Being a member of a dance team is a privilege and comes with responsibility. Personal accountability is essential for a successful season, and commitment to your other classmates is a vital component of this success. When a member of the team is not present, it negatively impacts your entire team.

**Regular attendance in all dance classes is expected. Excess absences from ANY one dance class may be cause for dismissal from the class. No refund of payment shall be given in the event of dismissal.**

## **COURTESY & RESPECT**

All dancers will be held to the highest of standards of conduct. Communicating negatively about anyone in or outside our studio will not be tolerated. All dancers are expected to show courtesy and respect to all instructors and other students. Bullying is **NOT** tolerated in any shape or form and, if necessary, is handled appropriately with the presence of teacher, the studio director, parents, and any other authoritative figure necessary. Any student who exhibits repeated negative or disrespectful behavior will be asked to leave the studio. Dancers are always respectful, supportive, encouraging, and are positive in spirit, attitude, and behavior.

## **DRESS CODE**

All dancers must wear appropriate dancewear to every class. Dance teachers will inform you at the appropriate time when you are expected. Forgetting dancewear, shoes, proper hair and/or wearing inappropriate clothing is not acceptable.

## **FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**

Tuition for dancers starts out as the established class rate. It is mandatory that all dancers attend their classes. Students will be charged for additional classes they wish to partake in. Falmouth Dance Academy accepts cash, credit/debit, or checks for tuition payment. We ask that you provide two forms of payment on the financial agreement provided in your registration packet.

**Late fees/returned checks:** It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep track of student's balance. All balances should be paid on time to avoid a late fee charge of \$10 each month it occurs. Late fees will be applied once payment reaches 14 days overdue. There is also a \$30 fee charged to accounts for returned checks. If three (3) months of a student's balance is unpaid, the dancer will be able to attend, but not participate, in classes.

**Drop-outs:** 30 day written notice via mail or email to [FalmouthDance@yahoo.com](mailto:FalmouthDance@yahoo.com) is required of any dancer who would like to terminate their contract.

## **HAVE FUN!!**

Don't forget to have fun! You'll gain a lifetime of great memories and friendships during this time together so enjoy every second! We strive to make this the most positive and rewarding experience for our dancers and look forward to having another incredible and exciting dance season!