

Momentum Dance Arts Parent/Dancer Agreement

Momentum Dance Arts LLC prides itself on providing a positive, fun, safe, and creative environment for all its participants. It is important to us that all parents and dancers know what our expectations are and agree to abide by all rules that the studio has in place by signing the Parent/Dancer Agreement. It is important that all participants have a clear understanding of our studio policies and procedures to ensure that all parents and dancers are aware of the studio's expectations to maintain the best dance education environment possible.

FOR PARENTS:

Tuition

- An seasonal registration fee of \$30/dancer or \$50/family is due at the time of registration.
- Tuition is based on 39 weeks of instruction and is all-inclusive to include all recital fees.
- All-inclusive installments are split into 9 monthly installments (Sept-May). Each month, tuition will be the same. We do not charge more or less each month. The month of June is Free.
- Holidays and closures are NOT included in the weeks of instruction. Class weeks vary from 3-5 weeks. This has been taken into consideration.
- Payment is due on the first day of each month.
- Accounts not paid by the 10th of the month are subject to a \$15.00 late fee that **will automatically post to your account. Once the fee is applied it cannot be removed!**
- No statements will be handed out or mailed, however, statements will be sent monthly via email.
- We accept Cash, Check and Credit Cards (through Parent Portal) for payment.
- Monthly tuition payments are non-refundable and non-transferable! Students will not be allowed to take class if their account is delinquent for more than 30 days.

Attendance Policy

- As with any program, steady attendance is a requirement for success. Failure to meet such requirements can lead to a level adjustment.
- We care about your dancers! Guardians are responsible for communicating absences to the dance studio owner or dance instructor directly.
- Any student that misses 3 consecutive weeks or more may be required to forfeit their class space.
- Excessive absences could result in removal from recital piece.
- Dress rehearsals are mandatory for recital participation.

Make-up Classes

- There are no refunds for missed classes and they cannot be applied to subsequent months' tuition.
- If your dancer misses a class and would like to make up a class please email or call the studio owner for make-up class placement.

Payment Options

- Checks or cash can be dropped in the tuition box in the lobby. If the name on the check does not match the dancer's name, please make sure the dancer's name is listed on the memo line. A \$30 fee will be charged for all returned checks (NSF).
- When paying by cash, please use exact change. The studio office does not keep much petty cash in the office. Please place dancer's name on the envelope.
- Credit Cards (in Parent Portal): The studio can accept VISA, MASTERCARD and DISCOVER.

Addressing Issues: Unfortunately, mistakes may happen. We welcome you, as parents, to bring any errors or payment disputes to our attention. We do ask that you use discretion as you address them with us. We ask that any conversations that are sensitive and private in matter be held while classes are not in session and are addressed to the owner either in person or via email.

Studio Rules (for Parents):

Parents are permitted to observe class on designated observation days only. Our instructors are working diligently with the dancers and outside distractions can interfere with their instruction.

- Observation is for one to two parents/guardians.
- If you must bring other siblings then all young children must be supervised. No running, yelling or rough playing at the dance studio.
- Help keep our studio clean and tidy. Please throw away all trash.
- No gossip, obscene language or inappropriate conversations are tolerated by either parents or dancers.
- If there are issues concerning other parents or children, please do not address this issue at the studio. Please resolve the issue independently or make an appointment with the owner to resolve the situation. Immediately communicate these concerns no matter how big or small.
- Please pick up your dancer promptly at the end of their class. Teachers cannot be responsible for dancers after their class time because they are tending to their next class.

Level Placement

- Students are assigned to a specific level based on their overall performance, which takes into account dance skills and teacher recommendations.
- Final placements will not be discussed with students or parents. Phone calls, letters, and emails regarding placement will not be answered.
- Students and parents will respect teacher's decisions and allow us to give your child the proper dance education needed. We will help each child develop through discipline, structure, constructive criticism, and confidence during all our classes.
- Momentum Dance Arts LLC is a "hands on" learning environment. To properly teach placement and demonstrate dance techniques physical interaction is often used. This is normal practice and necessary for teaching of dance.

FOR DANCERS:

Level Placement

- Students are assigned to a specific level based on their overall performance, which takes into account dance skills and teacher recommendations.
- Final placements will not be discussed with students or parents. Phone calls, letters, and emails regarding placement will not be answered.
- Students and parents will respect teacher's decisions and allow us to give your child the proper dance education needed. We will help each child develop through discipline, structure, constructive criticism, and confidence during all our classes.

Promptness

- Promptness is extremely important!
- Dancers need adequate time in order to be physically and mentally prepared for the demands of the dance class.
- It is recommended that students arrive ten minutes early in order to get a drink, go to the bathroom, get warmed up and be dressed properly.
- **Students who arrive more than 15 minutes late may be asked to observe class.**

Dance Etiquette (IMPORTANT)

- At our studio, our primary goal is for each dancer to have fun while learning dance technique and a strong work ethic. We expect all dancers to show respect to themselves, each other and all instructors.

You will see our instructors enforcing the following rules:

- Be prepared for class. Proper dress code is required for all dance classes.
- Hair must be pulled up and secured back.
- Use bathroom prior to class.
- Do not have frequent class absences.
- No cell phones in the dance studio. (Please keep all personal items in your dance bag.)
- No gum is allowed in class.
- Be respectful and kind to instructors, peers and staff.
- Do not talk during class unless you are asking a question.
- Be willing to try new dance material. Put positive energy into your dance class.
- No leaning, lounging or hanging on the ballet barres.
- Clap at the end of class to show respect for yourself, your fellow dancers and the instructor.
- If injured, tell instructor prior to class; work slowly & carefully or observe.
- If ill, please do not come to class.
- If you must leave early, notify instructor prior to class.

We believe that good dance etiquette is of equal importance to good dance technique!

Studio Rules

- No running, yelling or rough playing at the dance studio.
- Help keep your studio clean and tidy. Please throw away all trash.
- No gossip, obscene language or inappropriate conversations are tolerated during class or around the studio.
- No gum, food or drink of any kind (except water) is allowed inside the studio.
- **For age 13 and up:** As an older dancer and role model, inappropriate conversations or negative discussions are not allowed in front of younger dancers.
- It is the dancer's responsibility to manage their time so that dance, schoolwork and other outside activities do not conflict.
- Must not engage in any unfavorable, questionable, or illegal manner through electronic/social media (i.e. websites, personal home pages such as 'My Space' or 'Facebook', blogs, text messages, chat rooms, or similar websites) or use electronic communication devices (i.e. cell phones, camera phones, digital photos) in such a way as to bring discredit, dishonor, or disgrace Momentum Dance Arts or its dancers, including yourself.
- Will not engage in any vulgar or inappropriate conduct, or use vulgar language, while representing Momentum Dance Arts. This includes class, practices, performances, events, and competitions – on or off school property – with or without studio members.
- Be responsible for ensuring the lobby and dance studios are clean and presentable following all team classes/events.

Dancer's Name _____

I, the parent/guardian of the above named, have read Momentum Dance Arts LLC studio parent/dancer agreement and understand all of the requirements expected of me put forth therein as well as the ramifications if this contract is broken by either myself or my child. I fully comply with all rules and regulations within this studio's agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

As a dancer at Momentum Dance Arts LLC, I have fully read the studio's parent/dancer agreement and understand what is expected of me to remain a dancer in good standings. I will keep myself knowledgeable and informed of all rules, and realize the consequences of poor behavior or inappropriate actions may be severe. I will do all I can to uphold the honor and tradition of Momentum Dance Arts and respect my fellow dancers, studio, and its instructors at all times.

Dancer Signature (Parent Signature if under 8)

Date

Should I, _____ (Dancer's name), choose to participate in another sport during the dance season, I will notify the studio owner and the instructor of the class I have signed up for. An agreement must be reached by both instructors and my parents and I, acknowledging that there is dual participation, and that any conflicts in practice times or events must be discussed with all parties involved - resolution agreed upon in writing or I understand that level changes and my participation of recital may be effected.

Dancer Signature (Parent Signature if under 8)

Date

I understand that it is assumed that my child will participate in the end of the year recital. I accept that costume sizing is an estimate based upon the sizing chart provided by costume manufactures (children will be measured prior to ordering). All exchanges and/or alterations are at the expense of each dancer's family. No returns or credits are available for recital costumes after they are ordered. If my child will not participate in the recital I must notify the studio by Feb. 1st.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____