



"For in Him We Live and Move and Have our Being."

**School Guidelines
Student and Parent Expectations 2022-23**

Core Values

- Love one another (John 13:34)
- Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13)
- Respect one another (1 Peter 2:17)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)

General Etiquette

We have the privilege of using Elmbrook for our classes. We are so thankful for this space! We ask students and parents to follow these guidelines:

Safety of Your Children:

- Walk young children to their classrooms.
- Pick up children age 12 and under at their classroom. Elmbrook is a large facility, therefore we will not dismiss children into the hallways alone. (Teen classes and Ballet 7 through Conservatory students will be dismissed from their studio unsupervised.)
- Plan to pick up your children promptly following their class.
- Acts Dance Hospitality Staff will be available outside studios in the hallway weekdays 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Student/Parent Expectations:

- Students should arrive 10 minutes early and be ready to dance when class begins. Young students **MUST** use the restroom before class.
- Students and parents are always expected to respect teachers, fellow students, and other parents.
- Students must wear cover-ups over their dancewear when coming to and from class. (No leotards or dance shorts showing when walking in and out of the building). Parents, please help us encourage modesty.
- Use locker rooms and restrooms to change. No changing in hallways.
- Ballet slippers are not to be worn outside. Street debris will damage dance flooring.

Classroom Behavior:

- No talking during class. Keep hands to yourself. No hanging on the barres. Students will be asked to sit out or leave the room if they continue to be a distraction.
- Class uniform must be worn and hair must be pulled back from face neatly according to style of dance.
- Proper hygiene and cleanliness is expected.
- Warm ups (fitted Acts Dance attire and black dance shorts or leggings) must be removed after barre or upon teacher request.
- Be courteous and respectful.

In the Studio:

- Studios will only be used during designated class times under direction of instructors.
- No gum.
- Dancers may not bring food, sports drinks, or other beverages into the studio.
- Only water bottles and personal dance items are allowed in the studio. Parents, please use locker rooms for your child's backpacks, winter coats, boots, and shoes, or keep these items with you during class. Keep benches clear for parent seating.

Lost and Found

Acts Dance has a lost and found bin separate from Elmbrook located in our office. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each semester.

Swap Bins

We will have "Swap Bins" for dance attire and ballet slippers in our office. Gently used dance items may be placed in the bin for other students and will be available to those in need of a new size. *Please: no holes, stains, or shoes without a mate!*

Outside of the Studio:

- Remain quiet in the hallways during class time.
- Pick up garbage of any kind found in the hallway outside of the studios.
- Parents and siblings may wait in the common spaces at Elmbrook; hallway/lobby seating or café.
- Help us eliminate running or playing in the hallway. We must respect the other ministries and activities happening at Elmbrook.

Parent Communication

Email - Please check email regularly for information and updates. Newsletters and parent emails are sent through an email app called S'more. To ensure emails don't end up in your junk or promotions folders, add amandastruebing@users.smores.com to your contacts.

Text Messages

Last minute reminders, weather updates, or other changes are communicated via text message using the Remind app.

Text @1728 to 81010 to receive messages and be added to the 2022-23 Class List.

Sick Policy

For the well-being of our students and teachers, we ask that you do not bring your child to class if they have been sick, if a family member is ill and potentially contagious or if they stayed home from school due to not feeling well. If your child is taking antibiotics, they should be on the medication for at least 24 hours before coming to class. We will gladly offer make-up opportunities to your dancer for missed lessons where space is available, so please have them take the time needed to rest and recover.

Do not send your child to class if they have any of the following:

- Sore throat or cough
- Fever within the past 48 hours
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- New onset muscle pain or chills
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- Runny nose with any colored discharge
- Any skin infection or unexplained rash
- Pinkeye or other eye infection

Attendance

Email connect@actsdance.org if you or your child are ill or unable to attend class.

Make Up Classes

With permission of the instructor, students can make up missed lessons in a class level at or below theirs. Contact us to find out which level is best and for available class space.

Inclement Weather

Acts Dance will post closings due to weather on the school Facebook page and website, actsdance.org. Decisions regarding class cancellation due to inclement weather are made by 2pm.

Family Agreement: I know that participation in Acts 17:28 Dance is a privilege. I acknowledge that I received a copy of the **School Guidelines – Student and Parent Expectations**, and I understand and agree to follow the expectations outlined within it.

Student(s) Signature: _____

Parent Signature(s): _____ Date _____