



# Synergy Dance Academy

PARENT HANDBOOK

# WELCOME TO SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY

The instructors and staff of SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY are committed to providing each individual the opportunity to learn the art of dance in a positive, structured, and inspiring environment. Our teachers have the rare combination of professional performing careers and college educations in dance.

We offer individual attention, respect towards each student, and gentle guidance through the proper techniques of dance. We focus on the proper use of the body while developing artistry and self-expression within each dancer. We believe in an open forum for our team of teachers to communicate on the progress of our students and to discuss ideas for improvement in achieving our goals.

Our objective is to build self-confidence and strong character in young people through the challenging techniques and artistry of dance in a nurturing environment. SYNERGY DANCE ACADEMY students develop essential life skills that lead to success in whatever they pursue.

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

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Please make sure that you are receiving email communication from us, sometimes our emails go to spam folders.

We utilize email, Synergy App Push Notifications, Facebook, Instagram and the studio bulletin board to pass on information to our families.

Please familiarize yourself with some or all of these options for important information regarding updates, reminders and policies.



USE OUR QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD OUR APP

## NEW THIS YEAR

### **OBSERVATION OF CLASSES:**

Parents/caregivers may observe the first week of fall classes as well as any new class their dancer registers for regardless of where it falls in the month. The last week of every month will be “observation week”. We find that our dancers concentrate more in class, are less distracted when needing a drink/bathroom break (no one to distract them in the hallways) and develop problem solving and conflict resolution skills quite impressively when left to their own devices.

### **PARENTS OF DANCERS 6 AND YOUNGER AND/OR ADDITIONAL NEEDS:**

While we encourage you to bring your dancer in, get them dressed, watered, etc. and then leave them in our capable hands, we understand that this is not always possible for our younger dancers. Please let the office know if you will be staying so we can let the instructors know. We will respect that parents/caregiver know what is best for their child.

### **NO VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED OF CLASSES:**

We will no longer allow any videotaping of classes unless the instructor ok's it. This is to protect our teacher's intellectual property as well as the privacy of our students. If an instructor or staff members sees any video being taken, they will ask you to stop. Please respect this policy to avoid any distractions.

Thank you in advance.

## FAQ:

### HOW MANY SESSIONS ARE THERE IN A DANCE YEAR FOR SYNERGY?

There are THREE 12-week sessions. Please see additional information in this booklet. *You do not need to re-register for each session, we do that for you.*

### WHY DO YOU REQUIRE BALLET CLASSES FOR SOME OF YOUR CLASSES?

Even if your child is planning to focus on Hip Hop, jazz or tap, ballet training is essential to being a good dancer. It provides the technique you need to flourish in all other dance styles. Ballet is the **foundation** of ALL dance.

### WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE FOR MY CHILD'S CLASS?

Please see additional information in this packet.

### DOES MY DANCER HAVE TO BE IN THE SUMMER SHOWCASE?

No, if your dancer can't be in the Summer Showcase, simply let the office staff know. A costume fee of \$25 PER costume is due **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. This deposit will go toward the cost of the costume so it is imperative that we know by this date if your dancer is not participating in the Summer Showcase. *Failure to notify the office by dec. 1 may result in you being charged for the costume.*

### IS THERE A FEE TO BEING IN THE SHOWCASE?

Yes. The cost varies per year and is based on overall costs for the Showcase. Information will be available on your "RECITAL COSTUME DEPOSIT" form.

### WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DANCE TEAMS?

Please visit our site at <http://synergydancemadison.com/teams/>

### WHAT IS THE CUT OFF FOR WHEN MY DANCER CAN ADD OR DROP A CLASS?

Consistency among classes is important. Fundamentals and technique built over the course of all three sessions. Therefore, we encourage parents to commit to all three sessions, but understand that schedules change.

Dancers in the **FALL SESSION** can drop at any time but no later than the start of the **WINTER SESSION**. Dancers in the Winter Session have until JANUARY 1 to drop or add a class. Dancers in the **SPRING SESSION** can drop a class but will be responsible for the costume fee and a possible 're-staging' fee. **SPRING SESSION** dancers cannot add any additional classes **AFTER JANUARY 15** unless approved by the instructor.

# SYNERGY CLASS INFORMATION

## CANCELLED CLASSES

Classes that fall on the following 2021-2022 holidays will be charged, however, students may schedule make up for these classes:

**Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Memorial Day.**

*Synergy dance academy follows the Middleton School District calendar*

## MISSED CLASSES

If a class is *cancelled by a teacher or the studio* the class will be rescheduled **IF** possible. If the class is not able to be rescheduled the missed class can be made up, by the student, by attending another, *same style*, class. Classes that are at or near their class limit may not be available as a make-up class.

**There are no refunds or credit for cancelled classes.**

If a student misses a group class, it may be possible to make it up by attending another, *same style*, class. There are no guarantees that the same level class will be available for a make-up class.

Synergy follows the Middleton/Cross Plains school district SNOW DAYS. If Middleton closes due to weather, we will most likely, close. However, if it looks like the weather will clear up by class time, we will stay open. We will decide this by 12:00 pm. **We will do our best to get this information out through email, studio app, Facebook, and Instagram.** *It is the parents/guardian's responsibility to check these announcements on days that the Middleton/Cross Plains schools are closed.*

If a private, duet, or trio class is missed by the student(s) it will NOT be re-scheduled. Private classes must be used for the dancer(s) who originally signed up for the class and may not be transferred to siblings or other dancers.

*Synergy reserves the right to combine classes, change times, provide substitute instructors or replacement instructors, and cancel or combine any class with 3 or less students.*

## ABSENT DANCERS

When a class has 50% of students with 5 or less dancers absent, the teacher reserves the right to shorten the class. We will do our best to contact parents if this happens. Dancers may make up lost time in another same style class.

**There are no refunds or credits for shortened classes.**

# DRESS CODE

Students who do not adhere to the proper dress code will receive a “OOPS” slip, this is a warning. Any student who receives a slip will need to be dressed properly for the next class or they will not be allowed to participate in class. There are no make ups for missed classes due to improper dress. *Dress codes for dance are very important so teachers can assess body placement. Dancers get distracted with improper clothing and when hair is falling in their eyes.*

**FOR THESE REASONS WE ASK OUR STUDENTS TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING:**

## BALLET STUDENTS

**SHOES:** PINK (leather or canvas, no satin—like from Target). Elastics tucked.

**TIGHTS:** PINK-NO TAN! They must be full tights, not cut off.

**LEOTARD: MINI MOVERS to BALLET 2:** Any color and skirt if wanted.

**BALLET 3 to ADVANCED BALLET:** All black and black skirt if wanted

**HAIR:** MUST be in a neat bun

**BOYS:** Black leather or canvas shoes, black shorts, leggings or form fitting pants. White or black short sleeved shirt or white tank top.

## TAP STUDENTS:

**SHOES: MINI MOVERS TO TAP 2:** Tan “Mary Janes” with buckle.

**TAP 3 to ADVANCED TAP:** Black Tie Shoes-Any brand. NO SLIP ONS.

**CLOTHING:** Shorts, leggings or leotards are fine. Any kind of top. If they wear a leotard, they can have pink or tan tights. They will need Tan for recital.

**HAIR:** Hair needs to be up in ponytail or bun.

## JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY, LYRICAL and MUSICAL THEATER STUDENTS:

**CLOTHING:** Leggings or a leotard with tights. Any kind of Tight-fitting top.

**SHOES:** Tan LEATHER “Bloch-Super Jazz” jazz shoes (barefoot for contemporary).

**HAIR:** Hair needs to be up in ponytail or bun

## AERIAL and LYRA STUDENTS:

**CLOTHING:** Leggings ONLY. Leos or any kind of TIGHT-fitting top.

**SHOES:** None

**HAIR:** Hair needs to be up in ponytail or bun.

## HIP HOP STUDENTS:

**SHOES:** Any style tennis shoe. High tops are best as they support the ankles.

**CLOTHING:** Shorts, leggings or sweatpants are fine. Any kind of top.

**HAIR:** Hair needs to be up in ponytail or half up/half down.

# DANCE CLOTHING AND SHOES

## WHERE TO BUY

### **DISCOUNT DANCE**

[www.discountdance.com](http://www.discountdance.com)

use code **TP67442** for  
**possible discount**

### **ROSY CHEEKS**

6045 Monona Drive  
Madison, WI 53716  
(608) 663-999

### **LA BOUTIQUE**

2605 S. Stoughton Road  
Madison, WI 53716  
(608) 221-4590

### **VIRGINIA DAVIS**

2037 Sherman Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704  
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### **AMAZON**

Use **Amazon Smile** for  
“Synergy Boosters” to support  
our studio.

## SHOE PREFERENCES

### **BALLET STUDENTS**

GIRLS: Pink leather (NO  
CANVAS)

BOYS: Black leather OR canvas

### **JAZZ STUDENTS**

Tan “Bloch-Super Jazz”  
Team Members also need black

### **HIP HOP STUDENTS**

Any tennis shoes not worn  
outside

### **CONTEMPORARY, LYRICAL, MUSICAL THEATER**

No shoes or tan “Bloch-Super  
Jazz”

### **TAP**

Mini movers, mini tap, levels 1,  
2 & 3: **TAN**-Mary Jane style, any  
brand

Levels 4, 5, 6 and Advanced:

**BLACK TIE**, any brand



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