# Parent's Guide to Allegro

This guide will help make that first year at the studio a positive one. We are committed to your child's growth and success in dance. If you have a question, don't hesitate to ask. If you have a concern, let us know.

## **Tuition and Fees**

Classes run September through May. You can pay for classes: the year in full, or by monthly installments. Tuition can be paid by bank draft, credit card, cash or check. There is a once a year Registration fee. If you pay the year in full in advance, the fee is waived. There is a two-month minimum for all lessons. The exception to this rule is the three to five year old dancer who is not ready to take dance. Refunds are offered when a student is unable to participate due to injury or extended illness. Costume and recital deposits are due December 1<sup>st</sup> and any costume balance is due February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Attendance**

If your child will be absent or late, please call and let the office know. If your child is more than 10 minutes late and the office is not notified, she may not be allowed to dance. This is for the safety of the dancer. Dancers who have poor attendance do not progress. Perfect attendance is ideal and is a great first step to a dancer's progress. If the school district closes due to bad weather, the studio will be closed. Dancers are welcome to make up missed classes in a class of the same level.

#### Communication

All vacations, school snow day closings, upcoming events are posted by signs, take home notes, and on our website, allegrodancearts.com. Our office staff in available during class hours. Staff is available by phone 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and by e-mail 24-7 at allegrodancearts@gmail.com. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

## **Class Placement**

We try to place students in the best fit for their age and ability. If you are new to the studio, we may ask your child to try a couple of different class levels. From there, the teacher (or teachers) will decide which class is the best fit. This is done with careful consideration. If you are concerned about your child's placement, please let the office know. We don't want your child to lose interest because of wrong class placement.

## **Classroom Etiquette**

Arrive at the school with enough time to change and prepare for class. If your child needs to leave early, she should let the teacher know before class begins. She should not leave the classroom without first receiving permission from the teacher. No gum, food, drink, or cell phones in the studio.

A dancer shows respect for her teacher and her art form by: Being properly dressed (see dress code), listening to and applying corrections, being prepared for her turn, finishing every exercise to the best of her ability, not talking in class, and practicing at home.

A dancer shows respect for the studio by: never hanging or leaning on the barres, never running, shouting, or playing roughly in the building, and by picking up after her/himself.

A parent shows respect by: only watching classes after permission is given by the teacher, not talking or bringing in small children while viewing a class, picking up after her/his child, picking up her/his child promptly when class is over, and letting the teacher know if her/his child will be absent, late, or leaving early.