

# **DIANE'S SCHOOL OF DANCE 2024 - 2025 STUDIO POLICIES**

**ENROLLMENT** DSOD offers classes to 3-year-olds through high school seniors. Children must turn 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup> and be potty-trained to participate in class. All enrollment is completed online at [www.dsodkc.com](http://www.dsodkc.com). Our year is divided into 4 quarters. Each quarter is 8 weeks long. 55-minute combination, tap, jazz, ballet and technique classes meet once a week. Hip hop meets on various weekends.

**TUITION** Tuition is due at the start of each quarter in September, November, January and March. Family and multiple-class discounts are offered. Each account must have a "Parent 1" who is solely responsible for all account charges. Tuition must be paid online with a credit card or with cash. DSOD does not accept checks. Accounts with balances more than 2 weeks delinquent are subject to a \$25 late fee. All accounts must keep a valid credit card on file at all times.

**PARKING** Please respect our neighboring businesses by only parking in front of the dance studio or in the middle section of the main parking lot only. Parking in front of other establishments is not allowed.

**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE** Students should arrive 5 minutes prior to their scheduled class and should remain in the lobby until their class begins. Parents should remain with younger students until class begins.

**PARENTS' WEEK** Family and friends are invited to observe class the first week of each of our 4 quarters. Please refrain from letting younger children run around the studio during class. Please silence all cell phones and keep talking to a minimum while observing class. Family and friends are welcome to observe class through the lobby doors during all other weeks.

## **GUM, CANDY, FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE DANCE STUDIO**

Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to class.

## **REQUIRED DANCE SHOES**

Please label all dance shoes with dancer's full name. Shoes with no name will be labeled by DSOD.

3-Year-Olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: black tap shoes, black ballet shoes.

4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: tan flat tap shoes, tan jazz shoes.

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: tan flat tap shoes, tan heel tap shoes, tan jazz shoes, black jazz shoes.

4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Saturday Ballet Students: pink ballet shoes, pink pointe shoes if applicable.

2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Hip Hop Students: sneakers, high tops or jazz shoes. Open-toe shoes are not allowed.

**COMBINATION & JAZZ CLASS ATTIRE** Leotards, tights, dance tops, dance pants, dance shorts and dance skirts. These items may be any color for classes; however, 3-year-olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders are required to have a black camisole leotard for the Christmas program in December and for the dance recital in May. Dance tights are required for all classes in white, suntan, black or pink. Appropriate dance shoes are required for all classes. Bare legs and bare feet are not allowed. Street clothes and street shoes are not allowed.

**BALLET CLASS ATTIRE (4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE)** Black leotard and pink tights. Ballet skirts are acceptable. Black, white or beige tights, shorts, pants and t-shirts are not allowed. Hair must be worn in a bun. No jewelry.

**HIP HOP CLASS ATTIRE (2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE)** Dance tops, t-shirts, dance pants, sweats and shorts.

**MAKE-UP CLASSES** Students may attend a make-up class for any absences that occur due to illness or inclement weather. These make-up classes are not required. There are no refunds for missed classes due to illness or for canceled classes due to inclement weather.

**DSOD CLOSING NOTICES** DSOD cancels classes when the Park Hill School District dismisses early or cancels school and/or evening activities due to inclement weather. However, DSOD does NOT close for school in-service days, parent/teacher conferences or American federal holidays such as Columbus Day, MLK Day, Presidents' Day, etc. DSOD closings are always posted at [www.dsodkc.com](http://www.dsodkc.com) and on our Facebook page.

**DSOD CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS** Students present annual Christmas programs in mid-December that are free to family and friends. All programs are held at DSOD. Apart from Saturday ballet classes, programs are held during students' regular class days and times. Information (attire, rehearsals, etc.) is given in the fall.

**DSOD RECITALS** Students participate in an annual dance recital held in May at the Kansas City Music Hall. Students are required to purchase costumes for each class in which they are enrolled. Recital/costume fees are billed in February. All quarterly tuition and recital/costume fees must be paid to participate in the recital.

**SUMMER CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS** A 6-week session is held in June and July which includes tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, acrobatics, ballet technique and strength & mobility. Workshops are held in early August.

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