



## Studio Policies & Parent Handbook

*Dance Together. Grow Together.*

Welcome to Ariel's Dance Academy! We are committed to providing a safe, positive, and encouraging environment where every dancer can learn, grow, and develop a lifelong love of dance. This handbook has been created to help ensure a successful season for every dancer and family.

### Our Commitment

At Ariel's Dance Academy, we believe dance is about more than learning steps—it's about building confidence, developing character, creating friendships, and inspiring a lifelong passion for dance. Our policies help create a respectful, welcoming, and organized environment where every dancer can thrive.

### Registration & Enrollment

- Complete the online registration form before attending classes.
- A signed waiver and acknowledgement of studio policies is required.
- \$15 annual registration fee for individual dancers and \$25 for family registration is due upon enrollment.
- Class placement is based on age and instructor recommendation where appropriate.

### Tuition & Fees

- 30-minute classes: \$62/month.
- 45-minute classes: \$75/month.
- Tuition is due on the 1st of each month.
- Monthly tuition reserves your dancer's place in class.

### Costumes

- Dancers participating in the Winter Showcase are required to purchase a costume for each class they perform in.
- An \$85 non-refundable costume deposit per class is due by October 15.
- For many classes, the costume deposit covers the full cost of the costume.
- If the final costume cost exceeds the deposit amount, only the remaining balance will be due. Families will be notified in advance if an additional payment is required.
- Costume orders are placed after the deposit deadline to ensure costumes arrive in time for the Winter Showcase.
- Once a costume has been ordered, costume fees are non-refundable, as costumes are custom ordered specifically for each dancer.
- Dancers are measured for costumes to allow for normal growth; however, the studio cannot guarantee fit if a dancer experiences significant growth after measurements have been taken.
- Costumes are distributed once all costume balances (if applicable) have been paid in full.

### Attendance

- Regular attendance is encouraged.
- Notify the studio if your dancer will be absent.
- After three consecutive absences without communication, the studio will contact the family.

## Arrival & Dismissal

- Arrive no more than 10 minutes before class.
- Prompt pick-up is appreciated.
- Independent dismissal requires written permission.
- Only authorized individuals may pick up dancers.

## Dress Code

- Appropriate dancewear and footwear are required.
- Hair must be tied back.
- No large or sharp jewelry.
- Bring a water bottle to class.

## Health & Safety

- Keep dancers home if they are ill.
- Report injuries, allergies, or medical conditions.
- The studio maintains current First Aid & CPR certification.

## Parent Expectations

- Treat everyone with kindness and respect.
- Support a positive learning environment.
- Allow instructors to manage the classroom.

## Studio Communication

- Updates are sent primarily by email.
- Important announcements may also appear on the website and social media.

## Weather & Studio Closures

- Closures will be communicated by email.

## Performances & Costumes

- Winter Showcase information will be shared throughout the season.
- Costume fees are separate from tuition.

## Media Release

- Photos and videos may be used only where permission has been granted.
- Families may opt out.

## Contact Information

- Please contact Ariel's Dance Academy through the website or studio email with any questions.

## Parent Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Ariel's Dance Academy Studio Policies & Parent Handbook and agree to support these policies throughout the dance season.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_