



**PLANET**  
— D A N C E —

**Our Mission...** Planet Dance exists to inspire, engage and empower students and communities through the art of dance and movement.

**We value...** An ever-growing dance community of compassionate teachers, students & families focused together on making a difference in the quality of our future.

**We offer...** A full curriculum of dance classes for beginner through advance, for ages 2 – adult. Our dance season runs September – June, with additional workshops throughout the summer. Students perform in a year-end recital with the opportunity to perform in and around our community and throughout the country.

**Dance Teams...** In addition to recreational classes, our studio is comprised of dance teams based on age, level and experience that make up our company. Company students compete in local competitions, participate in workshops & community events, have teacher-assistant opportunities, and also travel options. Our past travel experiences include Walt Disney World in 2012, 2014, 2016, Hershey Park, PA in 2018. Our next performance will take place at Universal Studios in 2020. Through these experiences, the students get to connect, learn and make memories.

## **STUDIO POLICY / STUDENT CONTRACT 2019-2020**

Good behavior and classroom discipline are imperative for learning to take place. The purpose of this contract is to ensure a safe and orderly environment for everyone. 😊

### **I. CLASSROOM/STUDIO POLICY**

- A. All Food & Drinks are prohibited in the dance studio. ONLY water is allowed. Water can purchased for \$1.
- B. If necessary, food may be allowed into the kitchen only. No snack eating allowed in dressing room.
- C. Students are not allowed to hang out or keep their belongings in the kitchen area.
- D. All students must keep their personal belongings in a bag, in the dressing room, NOT in the studio or lobby.
- E. Cell Phones are not allowed into the classroom and should be turned OFF while at the studio. Exceptions on occasion if needed to record choreography.

### **II. CLASS PLACEMENT**

- A. Students are placed at the appropriate level for each class based on a combination of dance training, maturity, commitment and their *demonstrated skills*.
- B. Class changes can occur after classes have begun, only if suggested and/or needed at the discretion of the instructor and director, after attending at least 3-5 classes.
- C. The goal in every class is to ensure an optimal learning environment. Students who are not taking their class seriously, or who demonstrate behavioral issues, will be terminated from that class and moved to a different class.

### III. ATTENDANCE

- A. Regular attendance and punctuality is expected by all students for all classes, rehearsals, and performances. Company students are allowed 3 excused absences per dance season.
- B. Excessive absences can result in removal of a class, performances, or a section of choreography.
- C. Students are not reimbursed for missed classes.

### IV. DANCE ATTIRE

- A. For all classes: Hair must be pulled back neatly off face in a ponytail, or in any style. Proper dance shoes required for all classes. No body jewelry, or gum is allowed in the studio, while dancing.
- B. Recreational classes can wear any fitted gym or dance clothes.
- C. All Company Ballet students must wear a black leotard, pink or tan tights, and ballet shoes to every class. Ballet students are also allowed to wear fitted shorts or ballet skirt if preferred.
- D. Company Jazz & Contemporary students can wear leggings, or shorts, and a fitted tank top or leotard. (preferably black) No baggy T-shirts or sweatshirts are allowed in class or while assisting.

### V. CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. All students are expected to be honest, respect other students, instructors, staff, and their property, work hard, set goals, and be ready to learn.
- B. Our core classroom values demonstrate Positivity, Respect, Accountability, & Empathy.
- C. Older students should be setting positive examples & demonstrating proper behavior for their younger peers.
- D. In an effort to keep our PD students and our reputation safe, we have zero tolerance for Bullying, Cyberbullying or Retaliation.

### VI. PAYMENTS

- A. Tuition payments are required and expected to be paid on time. We accept cash, checks or credit card payments for tuition and costume payments.
- B. For convenience, tuition and costume due dates are broken up throughout the dance season. For company members: competition fees, and other performance fees are due by deadline.
- C. It is the responsibility of each individual to stay current with their dues. Failure to comply will result in late fees. (refer to late fee schedule on our website). We accept payments monthly, by semester, or paid in full ahead of time.

### VII. LIABILITY

- A. Planet Dance and it's instructors are not liable for personal injuries, loss or damage to personal properties.
- B. Each student may decline to participate in any activity they do not feel safe in. Students must inform their instructor of any physical limitations, which may prevent full participation in class.

*We appreciate your business and are committed to making your dance experience a memorable one!*

*Thank you and Welcome to our Planet Dance Family!*