

The Dance Source

Studio Policies & Code of Conduct

Please Read Carefully

The Dance Source (“TDS”) is committed to providing a safe, respectful, positive, and productive environment for our dancers, families, faculty, and staff. The following policies help us maintain an environment where everyone can learn and enjoy their experience at TDS.

Food & Drinks

- Food and drinks are not permitted in the lobby or locker area.
- Food and drinks may be consumed **only in the designated break area**.
- Water bottles are permitted in the dance rooms. Please use a spill-proof container whenever possible.

Personal Belongings

The Dance Source is not responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced personal belongings.

TDS maintains a Lost & Found box for items left at the studio. Families should check the Lost & Found regularly for missing items. **All unclaimed items are donated to Goodwill at the end of each month.**

Hands-On Instruction

Dance education requires both verbal and hands-on instruction. TDS faculty may regularly use appropriate physical corrections to help dancers achieve proper technique, alignment, placement, and execution. This may include adjustments to the arms, legs, feet, hips, back, head, or other areas of the body as appropriate to the instruction.

Faculty will also provide verbal corrections, encouragement, and positive reinforcement throughout the learning process.

Classroom & Viewing Areas

Parents and visitors are not permitted to enter classrooms during class unless specifically invited or authorized by TDS faculty or management.

Parents and visitors should not tap on classroom viewing windows, doors, or otherwise attempt to get the attention of a dancer during class. This can be distracting to the dancer, instructor, and other students.

Dress Code

TDS maintains a dress code appropriate to each dance discipline. Proper dance attire allows instructors to safely and effectively teach technique while allowing dancers to move freely and receive appropriate corrections.

Dancers who arrive without the required attire may be asked to observe rather than participate in class.

Current dress-code requirements are available through the TDS website and studio office.

Supervision & Childcare

Important: The Dance Source is a dance education facility and does not provide childcare.

Parents and guardians are responsible for picking up their children **immediately following the completion of their scheduled class or activity**.

We strongly recommend that parents of younger dancers, particularly ages 3–6, remain at the studio while their child is in class.

Parents are responsible for supervising younger siblings and other children who accompany them to the studio. Children must remain appropriately supervised in the viewing and lobby areas.

Loud, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. **Playing in the parking lot is strictly prohibited.**

Positive & Respectful Conduct

TDS is committed to maintaining a positive environment for everyone.

Negative, disrespectful, aggressive, or volatile behavior by students, parents, guardians, or visitors will not be tolerated. Concerns should be addressed calmly and respectfully through the appropriate TDS management channels.

Student Progress & Class Placement

TDS Directors and Faculty are happy to discuss the progress, development, and goals of your child with you at the studio.

Please do not compare your child to another dancer. Every dancer develops at a different pace and has individual strengths, challenges, and goals.

Class placement is determined by TDS Directors and Faculty based on a variety of factors, including age, ability, technique, experience, maturity, and the overall needs of the class.

We ask that families support the professional judgment of our faculty regarding class placement. Appropriate placement allows each dancer to be challenged, supported, and successful.

Support & Encouragement

Parental support is one of the most important factors in a dancer's development.

Dance is an art form that requires commitment, patience, discipline, and hard work. Progress does not always happen immediately, and dancers will experience both successes and challenges throughout their training.

We encourage parents to celebrate their dancer's accomplishments while also teaching them to work through frustration, accept constructive criticism, remain committed, and continue working toward improvement.

Regular attendance is extremely important. Dancers who consistently attend class, participate fully, remain open to instruction, and take ownership of their training will develop not only as dancers, but also as individuals.

TDS Right to Refuse Service

The Dance Source reserves the right to refuse or discontinue services to any student, parent, guardian, or other individual who does not act in accordance with TDS policies, expectations, or values.

Drugs & Alcohol

The Dance Source maintains a **zero-tolerance policy regarding the use, possession, distribution, or presence of illegal drugs or alcohol by minors** at the studio or while attending any event, competition, convention, performance, or activity associated with TDS.

This policy also applies to adults while on TDS premises. Adults may not consume, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while at the studio or while participating in TDS activities.

Violation of this policy may result in immediate dismissal from The Dance Source.