



Welcome to our Dancing Family!

We are so happy that you will be part of our BC Family and grateful for your trust and humbled by your trust! We will continue to nurture, challenge, inspire and "Raise the Barre" in our art form! Whether a returning student or a new student; ballet or hip hop; musical theatre or tap, we are so pleased to welcome you to our **BALLET CONSERVATORY FAMILY!** Our teachers know that teaching children is an awesome responsibility. We know that their dreams are real, and we pledge ourselves to the care of each and every student as though they were our own, and to always keep their safety and physical and mental well-being at the top of our list! A good start and correct technique from the beginning is vital to the success and confidence of a dancer. We are glad you have chosen BC! After 33 years, we hear often from past dancers that the lessons they learned in dance have stayed with them throughout their lives in their many chosen careers. And we are thrilled when our former students trust us enough to bring their children to BC to experience the joy of dance they had. It's going to be a great year!

You will find our Dress Code on our website www.balletconservatory.com We ask you to respect and follow these policies. It will allow teachers to spend all their class time teaching dance and not reminding students of the policies.

FOR THE DANCERS:

1. Check-in at the front desk daily.
2. Cover-ups and street shoes must be worn to and from the studio - Even our youngest dancers.
3. We will remove street shoes upon entering the facility and leave in the lobby in a cubby or place in your bag.
4. Be kind and courteous to others! A smile goes a long way and may cheer up someone having a bad day or someone who is starting dance for the first time and may be a bit nervous.
5. Remember to use inside voices in the lobby and hallways so as not to disturb classes.
6. Clean up after yourselves. Don't leave food on the tables when you go to class. Tables are for the dancers to eat and do homework.
7. If you witness inappropriate actions or behavior, don't stay silent. Let someone know. This includes negative conversation and texting. We hope to replace this behavior with kindness, consideration and positive energy.

FOR THE PARENTS:

1. No unattended siblings anywhere in the building or outside the building. Sound does travel from the lobby to the studios.
2. Our lobby is extremely crowded during peak times of the day, so dropping off is a great idea for the older students and then feel free to pop in and watch through the windows or in the lobby TV anytime you like.
3. Tables in the lobby are reserved for our students who have short breaks between classes to eat or do homework.
4. Keep in mind that **new students** need time to adjust to their dance classes and are encouraged to complete semesters. While dance classes are lots of fun, there are also challenging steps being taught that may need time and patience to master. Good attendance makes a difference in a child's confidence. We encourage make-up lessons in a similar or lower level. Classes missed due to holiday or inclement weather days may also be made up. Just check your schedule on our website or at the front desk for other class times.

FOR THE PARENTS AND OLDER DANCERS: We ask that you always drive safely and slowly in the parking lot because our children are precious. Older dancers should never walk out to their cars alone at night. Have someone watch you to your car. Children are asked to wait inside the front doors after dark. Please cooperate if someone is blocked in their parking space.

COMMUNICATION:

We **communicate with you via email** through Jackrabbit and also with an email we call the **Five Pointes email** sent out every Monday. If you do not receive the Five Pointes, please email us and let us know. If you would like your child's email address or work email address added, please email us to add the address. Often our students want to see the Five Pointes! Our email is info@balletconservatory.com or you may call us at 972-317-0194 during office hours. We encourage you to use your Jackrabbit Parent Portal to check your account and class schedule information. Our website www.balletconservatory.com will also be a place of reference. We also post fun studio news, audition notices, performance dates, inclement weather closings, important reminders and MANY fun pictures on our Ballet Conservatory **Facebook page and Instagram**, so make sure to "Like" or "Follow" us if you are on social media. Please share our posts and invite your friends to visit.

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS:

SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 9TH – Audition for LBT's annual production of The Nutcracker. Flyers will be sent out soon!

RECITAL THEME:

Our Recital is early June and this year's theme is "When I Grow Up!" Recital Agreements will be sent out in November!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year and welcome our new dancers to the BC Family! We can't help but feel excitement as we look at our next generation of dancers walk onto our dance floors!