

Georgia College Community Dance Program Parent Responsibilities and Behavior

Since its beginning in 1995, the Georgia College Community Dance program has been fortunate to have the participation and support of thousands of wonderful dance parents. Parents have supported and encouraged dance faculty, contributed their time and money, and become close friends and members of a strong dance family. With the growth of the program during the last 28 years, the following guidelines for parental responsibilities and behavior were developed.

Expectations of Dance Parents

- As a dance parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends dance consistently and regularly. If your child attends only sporadically, they will not learn proper technique or concert choreography and could injure themselves or pose a danger to other dancers. Dancers who do not attend class consistently will not receive the best parts, will not progress, may not be allowed to participate in performances, and probably won't move up to the next level of classes.
- Bring your child to dance on time and pick up from dance immediately after the class ends. Instructors often teach several classes in a row and are not able to supervise dancers after the class ends should you be late.
- Support and give encouragement to the dance instructors and directors. Treat them with the same respect and kindness that you expect from others. Our teachers are doing their absolute best to teach your children and give them the best possible dance experience and training.
- If you have any concerns, please bring them up calmly and in a mature, professional manner. Do not air your issues or emotions in front of classes or other dance parents. Most issues can be resolved satisfactorily if parents and instructors seek solutions together. This approach is especially important during the high-stress period preceding Nutcracker and the holidays.
- Parents who do not behave with courtesy towards others in the program may have their child removed from the productions and the program. If a parent is ever threatening in any way, for the safety of the students and teachers, the child will be dismissed from the program immediately.
- E mail is the best way to reach the instructors and the director. E mails are given in the fall letter of information. Phone numbers of instructors are not given out.
- Parent/teacher conferences are available to help resolve issues and answer questions if E mail resolutions are not met.
- Our dance instructors CARE very deeply about the dance education of our students! Parent or guardian support can greatly help us achieve the best success for your student.