

# VDC STUDIO MANNERS

## DANCERS SHOW RESPECT FOR THEMSELVES BY:

- Being prompt for class.
- Being dressed properly for class in assigned color leotard, without underwear under leotards, without jewelry other than small earrings, and with shoe strings tucked in
- Having their hair up off the neck and as listed in the dress code

## DANCERS SHOW RESPECT FOR OTHERS BY:

- Keeping their hands to themselves during class.
- Waiting quietly for others to have a turn and for instructions from the teacher.
- Waiting until the music is finished before entering the classroom if they are late to class.
- Talking with one another only during Share Time.
- Supporting other students' efforts; never laughing, pointing, whispering, or gossiping.

## DANCERS SHOW RESPECT FOR THEIR TEACHER AND THE ARTFORM BY:

- Being properly dressed and ready for class on time.
- Listening when the teacher speaks; always standing in a "proper dance stance" while listening when the teacher gives combinations or corrections.
- Being prepared for their turn.
- Always asking before leaving the room for any reason and upon returning entering quietly and going around to the back of the room, never through the dancers who are dancing.
- Always finishing every exercise, never walking off noisily or showing anger or aggravation.

## DANCERS SHOW RESPECT FOR THE STUDIO BY:

- Leaving gum, food, and drinks outside the studio.
- Never hanging or leaning on the barres.
- Never running or doing gymnastics in the studio or lobby.
- Putting trash in its proper place.
- Putting away books and magazines when finished with them.
- Turning off cell phones.
- Always keeping all belongings zipped inside their dance bag.

# STICKER REWARD SYSTEM

All Dance N Learn and Leap N Learn (level 1 – 5) will follow the double reward system.

- 1 sticker in the teacher's sticker book for following the dancer's manners (found below).
  - **Eyes of the teacher**
  - **Be a first time listener**
  - **Wiggly fingers to yourself**
  - **Wait your turn**
- 1 stamp on the hand for dancing and participating in class

Dancers who do not follow the dancer's manners and behave in a negative manner during class WILL NOT earn a sticker in the teacher's book. The teacher will notify parents of the negative behavior at the end of class.

Parents, we encourage you to check on your child's progress and behavior in class. You can help us by reinforcing VDC's manners and rules.

As educators we want to be a partner in your child's learning. Our goal is to help students develop age appropriate classroom skills so that every student can enjoy learning in a safe, fun, positive environment.

If your dancer has a disability or a special need that we could help accommodate, please let us know. There is not a one size fits all recipe that works for each child. If there is something that we can do to help your child to be successful in class please reach out to us. We are here to work with the parents as a team. We want each child to be successful in the classroom and to have fun while learning.

A complete list of the dancers manners is included in your welcome packet. Dancers manners will be reviewed with the students in class.

