



Parent & Student Handbook

Welcome to Slick Motion Studios!

We are thrilled to have you as part of our dance family! At Slick Motion, we believe in fostering a positive and inspiring environment where students can develop their skills, build confidence, and express themselves through dance. This handbook is designed to provide essential information about our studio's policies, expectations, and resources to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for both students and parents.

Studio Policies

1. Attendance & Punctuality

- Regular attendance is crucial for progress. Please notify us in advance if a student will be absent.
- Arrive at least 5-10 minutes before class to allow time for preparation.
- Excessive tardiness or absences may affect participation in performances.

2. Dress Code

Proper attire ensures safety, discipline, and professionalism. Students must wear appropriate dance wear based on their class style. Failure to adhere to the dress code may result in the student being asked to sit out or leave class for the day. Consistent non-compliance may impact participation in performances or team activities. The information below aims to provide an "at-a-glance" expectation.

General Requirements

- Hair should be neatly pulled away from the face and off the neck.
- No jeans, crop tops, sports bras, or booty shorts.
- All attire should be clean, modest and age-appropriate.
- All shorts must be worn with tights.
- Proper footwear must be worn at all times.
- Failure to wear proper attire may result in inability to participate in class.

Class-Specific Attire

Ballet

- Girls - Solid leotard, pink tights
- Boys - Fitted shirt, black pants/leggings. Dance belts strongly recommended
- Shoes - Pink Ballet Shoes (Girls) / Black Socks, Ballet Shoes (Boys)

Contemporary

- Girls - Leotard or fitted top with leggings or shorts (worn with tights).
- Boys - Fitted, flexible attire
- Knee pads are suggested
- Shoes - Half-sole pirouette shoes; dance socks may be worn in class

Jazz

- Girls - Leotard with leggings or shorts (worn with tights)
- Boys - Dance pants and fitted top
- Shoes - Black/Tan split-sole jazz shoes

Hip-Hop

- Comfortable, breathable attire. Baggy clothing allowed. Pants and knee pads suggested
- Shoes - Sneakers required

Tap

- Girls - Leotard or fitted top with leggings or shorts (worn with tights).
- Boys - Fitted, flexible attire.
- Comfortable dance attire that allows movement. No jeans or overly loose clothing
- Shoes - Tap shoes required (see Dress Code for specific needs)

3. Code of Conduct

At Slick Motion, we strive to uphold a culture of respect, kindness, and professionalism both inside and outside of the studio. As representatives of Slick Motion, students and parents should embody our values and mission at all times.

Class Behavior: Students are expected to demonstrate safe, respectful, and cooperative behavior at all times. If a student fails to meet these expectations, up to three verbal warnings will be given during class. After the third warning, the student may be required to sit out or be removed from the classroom. The teacher will promptly review classroom expectations with the parents following class and submit a written report to the director. Should the behavior persist in subsequent classes, a meeting involving the parents, student, and director will be arranged to discuss appropriate next steps.

Respect & Kindness: Treat instructors, fellow dancers, and parents with kindness and encouragement. Disrespectful behavior, including bullying, gossip, or negative speech, will not be tolerated.

Commitment to Excellence: Show dedication to your training by putting in effort during classes, practicing at home, and demonstrating good sportsmanship at all studio events.

Professionalism in Public: When you step out into the world as a part of Slick Motion, you carry with you the love, dedication, and spirit of our dance family. Whether at competitions, performances, or in everyday life, we encourage you to shine with grace, humility, and respect—uplifting those around you and embodying the values we hold dear.

Social Media Responsibility: Be mindful of your online presence. Refrain from posting inappropriate content or anything that may harm the reputation of the studio or its members. Additionally, please respect the privacy of others by refraining from posting photos, videos, names, or details about other students, parents, or instructors without explicit permission.

Encouraging a Positive Atmosphere: We want to love people differently by creating an environment of acceptance and encouragement. Our words and actions should demonstrate our desire to build others up, make everyone feel valued and included.

Studio Etiquette: Take care of the studio by cleaning up after yourself, respecting shared spaces, and following all studio guidelines.

Conflict Resolution: We believe in open and supportive communication. If a concern arises, we encourage parents and students to approach the studio director or instructors with honesty and kindness. We are here to listen, collaborate, and find solutions together—because we are all part of the same dance family!

4. Classes & Curriculum

At Slick Motion, we are committed to providing a well-rounded and structured curriculum designed to foster skill development, confidence, and creativity. Our classes are strategically designed to ensure that every student progresses in a consistent and cohesive manner, regardless of their instructor.

Dance Styles Offered

- Ballet
- Jazz
- Hip-Hop
- Contemporary
- Tap
- Specialty and technique-based classes

Structured Learning & Growth

Our teachers work collaboratively to develop a unified curriculum that promotes growth in technique, musicality, and artistry.

- Skill progression is carefully mapped out to ensure that dancers build upon a strong technical foundation, allowing them to advance confidently through levels.
- No matter which instructor a student learns from, they will receive the same quality instruction and follow a structured syllabus to maintain consistency across all classes.

Class Placement & Advancement

- Placement in classes is determined by age, skill level, and instructor recommendation to provide the best learning environment for each student.
- Advancement is based on progress assessments, commitment, and instructor feedback.
- Some classes may be invitation-only or specific to competitive team requirements to ensure appropriate skill-level placement and readiness for performances and competitions.

Teacher Collaboration

- Our instructors meet regularly to align teaching methods, lesson plans, and skill benchmarks, ensuring all students are progressing at a steady pace.
- Teachers share feedback on students' development, helping them receive consistent corrections and encouragement throughout their dance journey.
- This structured approach allows students to transition seamlessly between classes and instructors while staying on track with their goals.

We are passionate about cultivating a positive and growth-focused learning environment, where every student can thrive and reach their full potential!

Studio Schedule

We operate on a structured schedule to ensure a seamless experience for all dancers and families. Our class hours are designed to accommodate a variety of age groups and skill levels, providing flexibility while maintaining consistency.

Studio Hours

- Monday – Friday: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed

Holiday & Scheduled Closures

Our studio follows the School District of Manatee County's academic calendar for scheduled closures. This ensures that families can plan ahead and enjoy time off without conflict.

Slick Motion will be closed on the following days:

- The week of Thanksgiving Break
- Winter Break (Based on school district closure dates)
- New Years Day
- Spring Break (Based on school district closure dates)
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Other district-declared holidays or emergency closures

We will notify families in advance of any additional closures, special events, or make-up class opportunities. Please check studio emails and announcements regularly to stay updated on any schedule changes.

5. Competitive Team Expectations

Students who become part of the Slick Motion competitive teams must adhere to additional commitments and expectations, including:

- **Attendance Requirement:** No more than 6 absences are permitted for the duration of the season. Attendance at competitions and extra rehearsals is mandatory.
- **Commitment:** Competitive dancers are expected to participate for the entire duration of the competitive season, from auditions until the last scheduled competition of the season. These dancers are also expected to dedicate extra time for rehearsals, performances, and training, including additional conditioning, impromptu rehearsals, and technique classes.
- **Class Requirements:** Certain classes will be required based on team, level and dance style to ensure technical growth and preparedness for competitions.
- **Additional Costs:** Competitive team members will be responsible for competition fees, costumes, travel expenses, and coaching fees. Any dancer unable to attend a mandatory competition or convention may still be responsible for non-refundable entry fees and other costs incurred on their behalf. Additionally, if a dancer's absence requires reblocking of routines, a **Reblocking Fee** may be applied to their account to compensate for the additional rehearsal time and adjustments required for the rest of the team. Any dancer unable to attend a mandatory competition or convention may still be responsible for non-refundable entry fees and other costs incurred on their behalf.
- **Appearance Guidelines:** To maintain a polished and cohesive team image, dancers are expected to maintain a "natural" appearance including but not limited to, hair color, nail polish color, etc. Dancers must receive explicit approval from the studio director before making drastic changes to their appearance, including hair dye, haircuts, tattoos, and piercings. This will ensure a unified appearance on stage.
- **Jewelry:** Competition jewelry will be decided upon by the instructors. Some costumes may require additional items, but personal jewelry will not be permitted on stage or in class for safety and appearance uniformity. This includes things like rings, necklaces, bracelets, nose piercings, additional earrings, belly button piercings, etc.
- **Teamwork & Attitude:** Competitive dancers are expected to show respect, dedication, and sportsmanship at all times. A positive attitude and willingness to work as a team are essential.
- **Parental Involvement:** Parents play an important role in supporting their dancers. We ask for timely communication, adherence to deadlines, and encouragement of a positive experience for all team members.
- **Consequences for Non-Compliance:** Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in warnings, suspension from performances, removal from routines, or dismissal from the team at the discretion of the studio director. These policies are in place to ensure fairness and commitment to the team as a whole.

6. Performances

At Slick Motion, we believe performances are an essential part of a dancer's journey, allowing students to showcase their hard work, artistry, and passion for dance.

Performance Expectations

- Students must arrive early and stage-ready, wearing all required dance wear, costumes, and applicable accessories.
- Hair and makeup should be done before arrival to ensure a smooth and efficient preparation process.
- Proper dance shoes and any required props must be brought to the venue.
- It is highly recommended for all items to be labeled with your dancers name.
- Attendance at rehearsals leading up to performances is crucial to ensure all dancers feel confident and prepared.

Parental Observation & Support

- Performances are a special moment for dancers and their families. We encourage parents to relax and enjoy watching their child shine on stage rather than worrying about logistical details.
- Our experienced staff will handle backstage management, costume changes, and lineup coordination so that parents can remain in the audience and fully embrace the moment.
- We kindly ask that parents trust our team and avoid entering backstage areas unless requested by staff.

Performance Opportunities

- Annual recitals are held to celebrate the progress and dedication of our dancers.
- Students may also participate in community performances, showcases, and competitions, providing valuable experience and exposure.
- Additional details, including costume fees, rehearsal schedules, and venue information, will be provided in advance to ensure a well-organized and memorable event.

We are excited to celebrate our students' hard work and look forward to creating incredible, joy-filled performance experiences for both dancers and families!

Contact Us

We are always happy to assist with any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

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Thank you for being a part of the Slick Motion family!