

Encinitas Ballet Academy Etiquette



Dear parents and students,

Encinitas Ballet Academy has brought joy to you and to our city for many years. Our students continue, year after year, to make us proud of their successes. Ballet is a complex art, combining dance, drama and music as the three main components. It is the form of art that values kindness and beauty. We have enormous experience in ballet training, with 9 years at the most prestigious ballet academy in the world, as well as 30 years of dancing professionally on the best stages all over the globe, and also 20 years of teaching ballet to students of all ages. We use the pedagogical methods of the Bolshoi Ballet Academy and Vaganova Ballet Academy.

Due to the professionalism of our instructors, our students exhibit all around success from an early age. As they grow, so do their personalities. We help to shape their individuality, making them the leaders of tomorrow. That task requires discipline and respect. This brings us to the etiquette at our Ballet Academy, where parents are expected to be on the same page with the teachers, striving to raise a respectful, polite person and dancer. Here are our rules:

1. Hair needs to be in a tight bun.
2. Every level has its special color of attire. Please do not change it without instructor's permission.
3. Pay attention in class. Do not talk and distract other students.
4. When the instructor is explaining or showing a movement, please concentrate, do not look away. You will only see it two or three times.
5. Never discuss, criticize or laugh at other students.
6. Be polite with younger children.
7. When greeting any teacher, do the classical bow. At the end of the class, or after a performance, say Thank you to the teacher.
8. At the Academy, please wear appropriate clothing.
9. Stay quiet. Do not run in hallways. Do not make the walls dirty.
10. Please, do not pick flowers or litter outside.
11. Clean up after yourself if you made a mess.
12. Do not chew gum.
13. Do not use any phone during class or rehearsal.

14. Do not pick your nose, and touch the bar, or clip your toe nails in the classroom.
15. During rehearsals, please keep quiet while waiting for your turn.
16. In the theater, use low voice especially in the dressing room.
17. Do not eat when you are in costume.
18. Do not throw clothes on the floor. Hang up your costumes.
19. During class, do not argue with the teacher. If you don't want to participate in the concert, do not say it during class in front of other students. Parents need to discuss that with the teacher within 24 hours, due to scheduling, casting, promotional and advertising issues.
20. Do not leave the class without permission. It is disruptive and disrespectful.
21. If CIHS has some workshops or events, please be respectful, stay close to the studio while waiting for the class.
22. There is no discussion of dancing parts with the Artistic Director.
23. If the student missed a lot of classes, she will perform one or two numbers in the production.

Rule: Encinitas Ballet Academy will reserves the right to expel any student for breaking the rules and being disrespectful to teachers and others for the sake of the moral climate and well-being of other students.

We do not criticize or put down anyone. We allow every student to believe in himself or herself, discover their hidden talents. If we make any comment or correction during class, it is because we strive to perfect our students' performance and achieve quality results.

The relationship between the student and the teachers, as well as with the peers is very important. We the teachers, are happy for all the successes of our students, in ballet, and other fields as well. Some of our students achieve great success, and perform in leading roles. It is important to have good communication between parents and teachers. Your child's success is in our best interests. Talk to us if you have any concerns. We match students in the class by their level, not by their age. Your children may find themselves in the class with younger students, who might have the same proficiency level. We love to teach your kids. We treat them like our own. Let's maintain the atmosphere of kindness, respect, and creativity.

Yours truly,
Encinitas Ballet Academy