



The Dans Company Expectations and Guidelines

Thank you for being a part of The Dans Company! We are excited for the year and what it will bring. This is a dream come true for many of us. In saying this, we want to communicate our expectations for the year.

COMPANY From us:

We want to serve our students in a positive learning environment. We will look to teach with respect and encouragement. We will empower your student to develop to the best of their ability the level of skill that is appropriate for them.

We want your student to have fun while they learn. We feel that attaining goals gives a certain pride to the student as they see themselves progressing.

There is Wi-Fi available for homework in between classes and you may ask to use it if needed. Our website is thedansco.com and our email address is thedansco@gmail.com we also have a Facebook and Instagram page. Most of our info will be posted to the website or email throughout the year. Bad weather or emergency cancellations will be on FB or website announcements as well. If school in Pella is cancelled or dismissed early due to WINTER weather, we will not have evening classes. We have air-conditioning and can hold class on hot days – so we will not cancel for that!

From you:

Please make your payments promptly. There is a drop box in the studio, or you can mail to 927 Opportunity Lane. We will also offer a new online payment method. The monthly fees will be due on the first class period of each month. For example, if your student has class on Tuesday, then it is the first Tuesday of the month. There will be a fee applied to returned checks equivalent to that of the financial institution. There will be a fee applied to the student's account if it is past due. Each day will add \$5 to the balance. You can pay ahead at any time. Please speak with Amanda if there is a problem fulfilling the balance.

We will start promptly at the scheduled time. Please be early enough to put shoes on and be in the studio on time. Many of our teachers teach back to back classes and will not have much time in between classes to talk. Please send questions, concerns and comments to thedansco@gmail.com.

For Dance: Your girls should wear a black leotard and any color of tights. Booty shorts or skirts are optional. **Dancers should have their hair secured out of their face. We would like to eliminate distractions caused by the dancer attending to their ponytail or headband.** Boys – dry fit shirts are great and use careful discretion as to not wearing the baggy shorts. It is hard to spot a tumbler with baggy shorts.

For Tumbling: Any leotard, unitard or fitted tank and booty shorts are ok. No t-shirts or athletic shorts please.

Your children need to bring appropriate shoes for the class. We will always perform in dance shoes. Advanced classes will be at the discretion of the teacher on this matter. There are times that we go barefoot but your student should ALWAYS have each set of shoes necessary for their classes.

Please set up a face to face meeting to share with us your concerns and **reserve texting and email** for schedule changes, payment or other easy questions. We want to maintain respect in our conversations and make sure that there are not misunderstandings that could have been avoided by face to face contact. You may direct concerns to Amanda unless the main teacher of your class gives you contact info.

The student:

We will teach your student to have an "I can do all things" attitude. We hope that this reinforces what you are doing at home. Encourage your student to come prepared with a positive attitude. We will also encourage them to lift each other up and work as a team. In the studio there will be no gossip, whispering or cliques! We will always work to have positive things to say to each other.

Set a good example to those who are around you! You never know who is watching and repeating the behavior.

There will be NO CELL PHONES or cell phone use by students during class. Music may be downloaded to a phone to use with stereo equipment, and may be permitted by the teacher at their discretion.

Set personal goals. You cannot compare your ability to other dancers. We will only try to improve on our own abilities! We can, however, inspire other dancers to become better. Always have a positive word for those around you. Unkind words or actions towards staff or other students will not be tolerated and may result in a dismissal from class both temporarily or permanently.

Competition Team:

Students must attend a technical practice each week and maintain attendance with no more than two missed practices during season. If situations arise that conflict with this, please discuss with the director to decide how to cover the missed classes. This is a commitment that you are making to a team. Please discuss outside activities with your director to assess appropriate involvement with the team. You may not miss the practice leading into a competition weekend and still compete that weekend. There are very few exceptions to this rule.

Please review this with your student and return the signed portion to the studio.

I have reviewed the information in the guidelines and will comply with expectations.

Parent Signature _____ date _____

I have reviewed with my parents the information above and will comply with the expectations.

(3rd grade and UP please sign)

Student Signature _____ date _____

Release from Liability

I hereby agree to release and discharge from liability arising from negligence **THE DANS COMPANY** and its owners, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, participants, and all other persons or entities acting for them (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees"), on behalf of myself and my children, parents, heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate, and also agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that dance and tumbling activities involve known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death, and property damage. Risks include, but are not limited to, broken bones, torn ligaments, bruises or other injuries as a result of falls or contact with other participants, medical conditions resulting from physical activity; and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that event conditions are unsafe or that I am unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, or my use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should Releasees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
4. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical condition which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of – all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

By signing this document, I agree that if I am hurt or my property is damaged during my participation in this activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence. I understand that this activity is not available to me if I choose not to sign this document. I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____ date _____

Photo Release – I give my permission to THE DANS CO to use my child's photo on the website and social media outlets.

Parent Signature _____ date _____