

Aspire Dance Studio, LLC STUDIO POLICIES

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Thank you for choosing Aspire Dance Studio! Below you will find our studio policies.

All policies must be agreed to at online registration.

1. REGISTRATION

All dancers must be registered prior to the first class.

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES: In-person ongoing classes have a \$35.00 registration fee per individual dancer or \$60.00 per family will be assessed at the time of registration. This registration fee is collected only once during the 2021-2022 dance season.

ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS: Online classes, 6-week sessions, master classes, and special event classes do not have a registration fee.

2. TUITION and PAYMENT POLICIES

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES: All tuition payments must be made through our online auto-pay program. Tuition is run on the 1st of the month. **It is the responsibility of the client to update any expired cards, changes in card numbers, lost or stolen cards, etc. A late fee of \$30 will be posted to the account on the 5th of every month for any unpaid tuition.** If an auto-pay card is declined, and tuition remains unpaid, the account will be charged an 18% late fee. **If the balance is not paid in its entirety within 7 days from the card decline, the dancer may not attend their classes** and Aspire Dance will remove them from their registered classes. Aspire Dance will not relinquish the payment responsibility of the dancer's guardian's for any reason, nor will they authorize extended late payment plans. If an account remains unpaid for 30 days, the appropriate collections agency will be contacted. There will be a \$25.00 service charge for all returned checks.

Aspire Dance Studio does not pro-rate tuition for missed classes. Aspire Dance Studio does not issue refunds of any kind.

Aspire Dance has a 14-day Cancellation Policy. **In order to remove a student from a class, you must provide written notice by email 14 days in advance.** Once a dancer has dropped, their spot will no longer be held. If you wish to re-enroll after canceling, you must re-register and pay a new registration fee. Class availability is not guaranteed upon re-enrollment.

Our dance year is based on a 40-week schedule and tuition remains the same whether it is a long or short month. This includes months that a holiday break is scheduled and we strongly recommend dancers make-up any missed classes during a scheduled break. We do not refund tuition or make adjustments for missed classes. **Make-up classes are available and must be used within 30 days of an absence. Make-up classes cannot be used in a class that the student is currently registered in.** Make-up classes must be used in **other** classes that the student is not registered in. If a dancer needs to pull from classes for any particular month, their class slot is not guaranteed and the process of re-registration will begin upon re-registering for class.

Every month tuition is due in the full amount. We do not pro-rate tuition unless you are a new student starting mid-month.

ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS: Online classes, 6-week sessions, master classes, and special event classes will be assessed a one-time fee upon registration, and needs to be paid in full at the time of registration. You will not be charged any further unless you register again for more classes.

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3. ATTENDANCE

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES: 2021-2022 in-person classes begin Tuesday, September 7, 2021 and run through Saturday, June 18, 2022. Online classes, 6-week sessions, master classes, and special event classes will run as scheduled.

It is very important that dancers have consistent attendance. This is especially imperative for the months that we are working on our Holiday Showcase and Spring Recital dances. If a dancer is inconsistent in class, they may be removed from a portion of the dance or be required to take private lessons. It is important that our weekly classes remain progressive and that the class as a whole is moving forward in their dance training. If a dancer needs to miss a class, we ask that Aspire Dance be notified by either calling into the front office or emailing the studio.

We strongly encourage students to make up any missed classes. **Make-up classes are available and must be used within 30 days of an absence. Make-up classes cannot be used in a class that the student is currently registered in.** Make-up classes must be used in **other** classes that the student is not registered in. *Make-up classes are only available to currently registered students—if a student drops from classes, makeup classes can no longer be used.* **Make-up classes must be requested and approved before attending. Email or call the studio to request a make-up class.**

Due to current COVID regulations, dancers must be picked up on time after their class is finished. Aspire Dance Studio is not responsible for dancers that are left unattended at the studio.

ONLINE CLASSES: Online classes cannot be transferred to in-person classes mid-session.

4. DISCONTINUED CLASSES

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES, ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS: Aspire Dance Studio reserves the right to discontinue a class for various reasons (ex: does not have high enough enrollment). This will not happen mid-month, but rather at the beginning of a new month. Therefore, no paid tuition will be lost. Students will be placed in another similar class if this occurs.

5. CHOREOGRAPHY RIGHTS/USE

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES, ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES: We own all rights to all choreography taught in class and in rehearsals at Aspire Dance Studio. You must get permission from the teacher/choreographer to post, use, or perform any choreography outside of the studio.

6. CLASS REQUIREMENTS

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES:

- Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical and Tech Classes (levels 3,4,5): **Must also be enrolled in at least 1 ballet class.**
- Pre-Pointe/Pointe: **Must also be enrolled in at least one ballet class.**

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7. CLASS DRESS CODE

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES, ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES:

REQUIREMENTS:

- Appropriate dance clothes required for all classes.
- Street/school clothes are not allowed for any class.
- Hair must be in a ballet bun for all ballet classes.
- Hair must be securely pulled back from the face (in at ponytail or better) for all other classes.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS (ages 2-3): Dancers must wear a leotard (any color), and pink tights. They may also wear a ballet skirt or tutu if they choose. Pink ballet shoes must be worn.

BALLET/TAP COMBO CLASS (ages 3-4): Dancers must wear a leotard (any color), and pink tights. They may also wear a ballet skirt or tutu if they choose. Pink ballet shoes must be worn for ballet and black tap shoes are required.

JAZZ/HIP HOP COMBO CLASS (ages 3-4): Appropriate dance attire required. Leggings or dance shorts, dance bra tops, leotards or fitted tanks for class. No loose clothing. Tan slip-on jazz shoes are required for jazz, and sneakers are required for hip hop.

BALLET (all ages & levels): Pink tights, and pink canvas ballet shoes with the elastic appropriately sewn in. Appropriate **ballet** cover-ups may only be worn in the beginning of class if approved by the ballet teacher. **Hair must be pulled into a clean and secure bun.** No jewelry should be worn in ballet, with the exception of studded earrings.

- Level 1 Leotard Color: Pink
- Level 3 Leotard Color: Blue
- Level 5 & 6 Leotard Color: Any

- Level 2 Leotard Color: Lavender/Purple
- Level 4 Leotard Color: Black
- Teen Leotard Color: Maroon

JAZZ, TURNS & JUMPS, MUSICAL THEATER (all ages & levels): Leggings, booty shorts, dance shorts or jazz pants, dance bra tops, leotards or fitted tanks for class. It is important that attire allows the instructor to see the body. No loose clothing. Tan slip-on jazz shoes are required.

CONTEMPORARY, LYRICAL (all ages & levels): Leggings, booty shorts, dance shorts or jazz pants, dance bra tops, leotards or fitted tanks for class. It is important that attire allows the instructor to see the body. No loose clothing. Bare feet, foot undies, half-shoes, or tan slip-on jazz shoes are acceptable if needed.

TAP (all ages & levels): Black lace-up tap shoes (no high heels). Sweat pants, leggings, booty shorts, dance shorts, jazz pants, or any appropriate dance clothing is acceptable.

HIP HOP (all ages & levels): *Clean* sneakers (no split-soled dance sneakers). Dance or athletic wear.

MODERN, ACRO (all ages & levels): Leggings, booty shorts, dance shorts or jazz pants, dance bra tops, leotards or fitted tanks for class. It is important that attire allows the instructor to see the body. No loose clothing. Bare feet.

A copy of this dress code can be found at aspiredancestudio.com

8. CLASS LEVELING

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES, ONLINE CLASSES: Aspire Dance Studio teachers and staff will determine the appropriate class level for each dancer. Dancers may not switch class levels mid-dance year, unless suggested by and approved by the teacher.

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9. CODE OF CONDUCT

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS:

Dancers and parents are asked to conduct themselves in a professional, positive, and respectful manner: both at Aspire Dance Studio and regarding Aspire Dance Studio at all times. Any inappropriate behavior demonstrated by a dancer or parent may lead to the student's dismissal from the studio with cause, as determined by Aspire Dance Studio.

Dancers and parents must agree to abide by the rules, regulations and privileges of participation outlined in these policies, as well as throughout the studio. Dancers and parents agree that while they participate at Aspire their conduct will be such that it presents no danger to other dancers, parents or staff, and does not interfere with the classes or the lobby at the studio, or disrupt the staff in performing their duties.

DANCER CONDUCT

Dancers are expected to bring a positive attitude to each dance class, rehearsal, and performance. They are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate and responsible manner. They are expected to be respectful, friendly, and positive towards all their fellow dancers, teachers, and other parents. Negative attitudes towards themselves, their classmates, their teachers, and other parents will not be tolerated.

PARENTAL CONDUCT, INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Parents are expected to treat all dancers, teachers, and other parents with respect and positive attitudes at Aspire. Parents are also responsible for making sure that the dancer is always prepared and on time for classes, rehearsals, and performances. We look forward to creating a successful dance year with you!

10. EMAIL

Aspire Dance Studio conducts all its important communication through email. Please make sure to provide us your correct email address(es) on your registration form, and add aspiredancestudio@yahoo.com to your list of contacts to ensure that you receive our emails. Please update us immediately when an email address changes. As COVID has limited our in-person front desk, we are doing all our important communication through email. **Please check and read your emails from us regularly, in order to keep up-to-date on important information from the studio!**

11. INJURIES

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS:

Aspire Dance Studio is not liable for any injuries. This includes our indoor studio, our outdoor studio, and at home while taking online classes.

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12. MEDIA

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Aspire Dance Studio may post photos and videos on behalf of the studio on various social media sites. Dancers may be in these photos or videos. By signing, you are releasing the use of these images for promotional purposes.

13. PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES: We plan to hold our 2021 Holiday Showcase in December of 2021, and 2022 Spring Recital in June of 2022. Dates will be announced ASAP. Upon registration, classes that are performing in the recital will be marked as such.

If plans need to change for any reason, we will reschedule the show and keep you updated on any changes. We will have a performance, no matter what!

Costumes for the Holiday Showcase will be brought from home. Costumes for the June recital are \$90 per class. The costume payment deadline is January 31, 2022, and after January 31, 2022 costumes will have an additional \$15 late processing fee per costume. **Once a costume is ordered it cannot be returned. Recital costume fees are non-refundable.** After the costume is received, any costume errors, problems, missing pieces etc, must be reported within 48 hours from the date you received the costume.

We ask that students consistently attend their classes during recital time in order to be prepared to be their best on stage! If a dancer is inconsistent in class, they may be removed from a portion of the dance or be required to take private lessons. If a dancer needs to miss a class, we ask that Aspire Dance Studio be notified by either calling into the front office or emailing the studio.

A dancer can only perform in the Holiday Showcase & June Recital if they are enrolled in that particular class. A dancer cannot perform with a class that they are doing make-ups in.

14. HOLIDAY CLOSINGS *GENERALLY FOLLOWS CVUSD CALENDAR*

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2020-SPRING 2021 CLASSES, ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS:

Yom Kippur: Thursday, September 16, 2021

Veteran's Day: Thursday, November 11, 2021

Thanksgiving Break: Monday, November 22 - Sunday, November 28, 2021

Winter Break: Monday, December 20, 2021 - Sunday, January 2, 2022

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 17, 2022

President's Day Weekend: Friday, February 18 - Monday, February 21, 2022

Spring Break: Friday, April 15 - Sunday, April 24, 2022

Memorial Day Weekend: Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30, 2022

Holiday closure dates can be found at aspiredancestudio.com

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15. COVID-19 CONTINGENCIES

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS:

All in-person classes will begin being held at our indoor dance studios with added safety & health measures. If COVID Guidelines change at any point requiring outdoor classes, classes will be moved back to our outdoor studio. Indoor classes will be capped at smaller class sizes to follow the most current health & safety guidelines.

If an at-home-order is issued, in-person classes will temporarily be held online.

Aspire Dance Studio follows all current LA COUNTY COVID Guidelines. As guidelines change, we will follow.

16. SAFETY & HEALTH REGULATIONS

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS:

All dancers & parents must follow all current safety & health regulations. Aspire Dance Studio follows all current LA COUNTY COVID Guidelines. As guidelines change, we will follow. Current regulations can be found at aspiredancestudio.com

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16. COVID-19 WAIVER

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS:

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Aspire Dance Studio, LLC has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending **Aspire Dance Studio LLC** and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at **Aspire Dance Studio LLC** may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, **Aspire Dance Studio LLC** employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance or participation in **Aspire Dance Studio LLC's** programs ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless **Aspire Dance Studio LLC**, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of **Aspire Dance Studio LLC**, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any **Aspire Dance Studio LLC** program.

I agree to not enter from **Aspire Dance Studio LLC** for at least 2 weeks (and keep children/participants under age 18 home) if they show **any** symptoms related to COVID-19 (or if exposed to anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks) including (but not limited to): Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

I agree to follow all the **ASPIRE DANCE STUDIO LLC** COVID-19 Safety and Health Guidelines and Procedures. Health and Safety procedures can be found at aspiredancestudio.com.

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17. WAIVER

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS:

As the legal parent or guardian (if dance is under 18), or the dancer (if the dancer is 18 or older), I release and hold harmless Aspire Dance Studio, its owners and operators from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the participant and/or the undersigned, while in or upon the premises or any premises under the control and supervision of Aspire Dance Studio, its owners and operators or in route to or from any said premises.

18. AGREEMENT

IN-PERSON ONGOING FALL 2021-SPRING 2022 CLASSES ONLINE CLASSES, 6-WEEK SESSIONS, MASTER CLASSES, SPECIAL EVENTS & STUDIO RENTALS:

Please sign below, acknowledging that all information provided above is correct, and you are in full understanding that Aspire Dance Studio, LLC is not responsible for any injuries or lost or stolen property. By signing below, you are agreeing to the ASPIRE DANCE STUDIO PAYMENT POLICY and authorizing payments to Aspire Dance Studio, LLC. By signing below you are also acknowledging and agreeing to adhere by all of Aspire Dance Studio's Policies and Rules. The Policy and other forms are available at aspiredancestudio.com . I have read and agree to all of the Aspire Dance Studio Policies.