

Bolton Conservatory Dance

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Dear Parents and students,

I am excited for this year at Bolton and I look forward to a great year of dance with your child. This letter provides Bolton Dance Conservatory Policies. It is my goal for your child to grow and learn this year through hard work, dedication, and practice. Understanding the following policies will help your child to become a better student and dancer.

Course Objectives

1. To develop the ability to learn and perform Dance Technique and Combinations.
2. To develop skeletal and muscular awareness through movement.
3. To improve body alignment and coordination.
4. To develop balance, focus and clarity (both mental and physical).
5. To increase flexibility, strength and endurance.
6. To develop awareness of musicality in dance (rhythms).
7. To learn terminology and basic principles used in the study of Dance Technique.

Grading:

Technique Grades: Students will be graded on specific dance skills taught in class. Dancers will perform in small groups or individually.

Terminology Quizzes and Tests: These exams will test the dancer's knowledge of frequently used dance terminology as well as history of different dance forms.

Performance: Any Performance you child is involved in for school (or just for their class) is for a grade. This includes any rehearsals for those performances. Failure to attend these performances and rehearsals will result in a 0 for that performance grade.

Choreography: Dancers will be asked to choreograph their own dance combinations in small groups or individually with certain guidelines.

Discipline:

Dance is a very disciplined art form that requires respect for the instructor and fellow dancers. The school's discipline policy will be adhered to strictly in class in order to create an environment best suited for learning. Please see the student handbook for Bolton's discipline policy.

Rules and Expectations: Be Proactive!

1. Be here and be ready to participate.
2. Come prepared and take ownership of your education!
3. Be considerate and respectful
4. Please remember to keep your phone and electronics put away, and that only water is permitted in the classroom (no food, no gum). Thank you!

Consequences:

Standard consequences will apply: warning, contact parent, refer to administration. I have confidence that we can work together to resolve any issues before they become serious.

Performances:

An illness excused by a doctor or a death in the family will be the only excused absences from performances and may require the completion of an alternate assignment.

Injuries and Illnesses

Students wishing to observe class due to illness or injury MUST provide an excuse from either a parent or doctor. Written notes from parents will excuse the student from physical participation for two days only. After two days, a doctor's excuse is required.

A doctor's excuse MUST have the date the dancer is able to return to physical activity on it or the date of the follow up appointment. Please ask your doctor to include this on the excuse, or it will only be good for two days as well.

Dancers that will be unable to dance for longer than a week will be asked to complete alternate assignments.

All dance students must be willing to accept the ideals, principles, and rules of the organization. If for any reason throughout the school year you need to speak with me, please do not hesitate to.

DANCE ELECTIVE FEES

Dance I/II/III - \$50

Dance Wear

Dance shoes are required for Dance I/II/III. (Black Jazz shoes).

Dress code:

Black appropriate activewear/dance attire

Please fill out and return the form below

Student's Name _____ **Grade** _____

Class Period _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent's Phone # _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Are there any physical conditions or problems that will inhibit your child's performance/participation in the dance program? If so, please explain.

I have read, understand, and accept the policies of Bolton Conservatory Dance Program.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____