

# Welcome to M&M Dance in Elburn!



We are so happy that you have chosen us for your dance home! I am Michelle Ryan, the owner of the studio. I also teach classes!

We have a fantastic team of teachers, here at the studio, that are all dedicated to teaching your child, not only how to dance, but also to LOVE to dance. How to be independent, problem solve and to be proud of hard work and accomplishments! This FALL SESSION we place high priority on working technique and skills so that in the Winter we have lots of fabulous things to put in your dancers recital choreography!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please text me at 815-970-0691.

Our Website, [www.mmdance5678.com](http://www.mmdance5678.com), is full of valuable information. Please be sure to look through all of the pages prior to starting classes. You will find Dress Code and Policy information <https://mmdance5678.com/dress-%26-policies>, our calendar of Events <https://mmdance5678.com/calendar>, along with a lot of other information about our studio!

Please follow us on Social Media also! We communicate and share information on both Instagram and Facebook.

Instagram: mmdancestudioelburn

Facebook: M&M Dance

TikTok: mmdancestudioelburn

## **Calendar**

Please refer to our website for important dates!

## **Closed Lobby Policy**

We ask that all dancers are dropped off and then picked up when classes are over. Parents are to remain in their cars and will not be permitted to sit in the lobby. **We have found that our young dancers separate from their parents much easier at the car. There are far fewer requests to go potty and almost no asking to go see mom during class. This has resulted in greater focus and attention during class and a wonderful feeling of independence and accomplishment!**

**The Studio will be locked at all times to ensure the safety of our dancers and staff. Please remember that dancers should not exit the car and come to the front door until it is opened...5 minutes prior to class starting. Please do not congregate at the door.**

**We promise you will notice increased independence in your dancer! It's also super fun for them to tell you about everything they did in class!**

## **New Families:**

**If you are new to the studio and would like to pop in to see the studio, you are welcome to do so. Please just come to the door with your child and let us know that you are new! We do ask that after meeting your dancer's teachers and seeing where they are spending their time, that you then exit the studio until class is over.**

## **Email Address:**

**On your account, please make sure you are NOT OPTED OUT of emails from the studio. You will miss a lot of information.**

## **Sanitation at the Studio**

As always, the studio will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

We will be paying extra attention to commonly touched surfaces, barres and floors.

Hand sanitizer and hand soap will be available for use.

Hand washing in between classes is encouraged.

Dancers will be asked NOT to share water bottles

All equipment used in class will be cleaned and sanitized between uses.

## **Dance Bags**

Dancers will be asked to use the cubbies in the lobby and to keep all of their belongings inside their bags and in their own space. The benches and floor spaces will also be available to make this possible. Please make sure your dancer has a dance bag/backpack.

## **Dance Shoes**

Please do not let your dancer wear their dance shoes in the parking lot or outside. We want to keep our dance floor in great condition...tracking in dirt and rocks will cause damage to our dance floors.

Please check the Dress Code Section on our website if you are not sure what shoes are needed.

## **Dress Code**

- Please make sure your dancer is following the dress code. Refer to our website.
- Street Clothes are NOT PERMITTED. If students are coming straight from school, please change them into dance clothes in the car before entering the studio.
- Dance Clothes are made to be worn without underwear (just like swimsuits). Dancers are not to wear underwear with costumes during our recital, so getting them used to this is helpful.
- Dance clothes should be form fitting and support body type. Please do not send your dancer to class in dance outfits that are too baggy or too small.
- Hair must be pulled back for all classes.
- Hair must be in a bun for ballet class.
- Dance shoes should NOT be worn outside.
- All Dancers should bring a dance bag to class.

## **Parking**

All parking spots in the front of the building are reserved for our students that drive and our staff. The 2 spots marked with the M&M Dance license plates are for Staff only. If you choose to park and wait for your child to be done with class...please park at the West side of the building.

**DO NOT PARK next door in the body shop lot. M&M Dance parking spots are defined with yellow lines. PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE IN THE PARKING LOT, and pay attention to children going to and from cars. 5:00 pm Classes...please DO NOT PARK in the 2 spots next to the pole. It blocks viewing for the business behind us when they are trying to pull out of the parking lot safely.**

## **Drop Off Procedure**

- Please enter the parking lot next to the mailboxes out by the road.
- Pull up to the door and let your child out. A teacher will be there to greet students at the door
- Continue to drive through and back out to Nebraska Street.
- The FRONT DOOR will remain locked. A teacher will open the door to admit students 5 minutes before class starts.
- Dancers should already be dressed for class and have hair done.
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## **Pick Up Procedure**

- Dancers will be dismissed through the FRONT DOOR of the building. A teacher will walk students out and make sure they are safely to their cars. If you'd like to meet your dancer at the door, you may.

## **Payments**

- Please use the DROPBOX by the front door to make payments.
- Please stay on top of accounts by checking online.
- Payments may also be made online.
- Accounts that are chronically past due will be charged late fees of \$25/month, and will be managed by Skaar Law.
- Tuition is non-refundable
- All students incur a \$35 Annual Registration Fee. Multiple child discounts do apply.

### Attendance

- If your dancer is showing symptoms of illness, please do not send them to the studio.
- Dancers are permitted to make up a missed class in another class appropriate for their age and level. Text to let us know!
- Dancers are held to an expectation for learning and retaining material taught in class.

### Classroom Dynamic

- Students are taught proper etiquette for the dance classroom.
- Students receive physical correction during class. It's important that dancers are in the proper positions when executing dance movements and stretching. This will ensure proper progress and help to avoid injury.
- Many classes have assistants in addition to their main instructor. These assistants have been and continue to be trained and mentored by our professional staff. They are a wonderful asset to our young students.
- Junior Instructors have earned the responsibility of teaching classes independently. Junior Instructors continue to learn under main staff and are monitored by main staff.
- Students that require assistance with changing their shoes, opening water bottles, using the restroom, etc, will receive assistance from our professional staff and classroom assistants.
- The safety of our students is our highest priority. If your child has a special circumstance that we should be aware of, please let us know.

### Lost & Found

The lost and found will be cleaned out once a month. All left items will be discarded. No items will be kept at the studio.

### Free Bin

The Free Bin is for dance items in GREAT CONDITION only.

### Microwave

Dancers must clean the microwave after each use. If this policy is ignored, the microwave will be removed from the lobby.

### Refrigerator

Dancers must keep the fridge clean. Throw away food that you do not plan to eat.

### Dirt Devil/Dust Buster

If dancers make a mess, they are expected to clean it up. There is a plug in Dirt Devil in the small cabinet in the bathroom that they may use to clean up crumbs. Please let them know that this is for dry items only.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the case of bad weather, or school closings, please refer to our social media pages to see if class is in session or canceled. If classes are canceled, dancers can make up missed classes in a class that is appropriate for level.**

### Waiver Agreement

By registering for classes, you are agreeing to all procedures and policies of M&M Dance Studio, Empower Dance Company and M&M Dance Company. You are acknowledging that the studio is not responsible for any exposure to illness and cannot be held liable in any way. You understand that Registration is completely optional and that you do so with your own personal choice. All Policies are also available on our website [www.mmdance5678.com](http://www.mmdance5678.com)



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