

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMUNITY DANCE PROGRAM



EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES

EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS

1. **Pay tuition by the first day of the month.** Tuition is payable to GC, and is due by the first day of the month. Students are not allowed into class, rehearsals, or performances if tuition is not paid. Tuition can be paid by credit card if you call the CE office at (478) 445-5277, or online: gcsu.edu/community-dance.
2. **Pick up and drop off on time.** It is important for the students to participate in the warm ups at the beginning of class. Students must be picked up promptly after class. After a student is left for a 15 minute period or longer after class, there will be an immediate fine of \$20.
3. **Supervise your dancers on campus.** No minor students may enter or exit the building alone. Minors must be escorted by an approved adult for pick up to and from the studio. Parents are responsible for students in the buildings when they are not scheduled to be in the care of GC dance instructors. Any community dance participant who disrupts Georgia College business or vandalizes Georgia College property will be dismissed from the program.
4. **Support your dancer:** Parents are encouraged to see their dancers progress at the two annual performances: *The Nutcracker* and *The Community Spring Dance Concert*. Parent viewing is not permitted during class and studio rehearsals.
5. **Be kind to community dance faculty and staff.** GC dance employees work very hard to create a fun, safe learning environment for each student. Remember to communicate in a professional, respectful manner.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. **Get the most out of your training.** Maintain proper etiquette in class by listening to your instructor and following directions the first time. Apply all feedback given and make an effort to remember corrections. Review choreography outside of class. Go to the bathroom before or after class so you do not miss out on instruction. Avoid distractions and leave cell phones on silent in your bag.

2. **Wear proper attire.** Appropriate dance attire consists of a solid color leotard and tights, sheer dance skirt (optional), and ballet, tap, pointe, or jazz shoes. Each dancer must have her hair securely in a bun. No excessive jewelry, shorts, or T-shirts in class. Students who repeatedly fail to wear proper attire for levels four and up will not be allowed in class until they are dressed appropriately. Wear a cover-up to and from class. Do not wear dance shoes outside the studio to help protect the cleanliness of the studio floor and your shoes.
3. **Keep the studio space clean.** No gum, food, or drinks allowed in the dance studios. Water bottles with lids are allowed. Use the lobby area for eating and drinking. Avoid food items that may impact dancers' with allergies.
4. **Be responsible for personal belongings.** All dance bags, school book bags, and personal articles should be taken into the dance studio. Put your name in all articles brought to class and to the theatre.
5. **Respect your fellow dancers and instructors.** Thank your teacher after class. Celebrate your peers accomplishments, and casting. Be kind and encouraging to all participants in the program.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Program Information:** Check your email, program websites, studio bulletin boards, and social media regularly to keep up with the latest announcements. Emails are only sent to participants who have paid tuition on time.
2. **Promotion:** Class promotion is decided upon on an individual basis by the instructor in regard to age, ability, maturity, attendance, and work habits of the student.
3. **Casting:** Casting is based upon dedication to dance, work habits, class attendance, age-appropriateness, talent, attitude, and is the sole responsibility of the GCSU Dance faculty. Dancers should celebrate their peers accomplishments and casting.
4. **Pointe shoes:** Pointe shoes are given on an individual basis based upon age, correct posture, weight, years of study in ballet, age 12 or older, overall technique level, maturity, and dedication to dance.
5. **Holidays and Inclement Weather:** Generally speaking, when GC is closed, our dance program is closed. This would be due to holidays or inclement weather. An email will be sent out notifying students and parents. Since we have so many students in so many different schools, we will follow the spring break schedule of GC.

