

How a dancer conducts his or her self during class is as important as the content of the lesson. Classroom etiquette is one of the strongest traditions in classical ballet. Having gracious manners and paying attention to the details greatly enhances a dancer's discipline and shows respect to the teachers and other dancers. Parents are expected to follow and reinforce the following:

- **Please, No Street Shoes on the Studio Floors.** Dance shoes are for dance.
- **No Food, Drink, or Gum or Cell phones in class.** Water bottles allowed. Students may have food or beverages in the waiting room or kitchen. Please dispose of your garbage properly.
- **Parking & Studio Entrance** – Pacific Ballet has parking and a convenient entrance in back of the studio that leads directly to a waiting room, warm up area and access to the rest room. We respectfully request your cooperation in using this entrance to minimize class disruptions of the need to walk across the studio floor. *Children must be accompanied when entering or leaving the studio. No exceptions.*
- **Observing Classes**—Parents may observe on their child's first scheduled class of the month only. All other observations must be scheduled in advance. It is important for each student's concentration to be able to work without interruption, or interaction outside of the classroom. Class time is a great time to make a coffee run!
- **Quiet Please**—Please enter and leave the studio quietly. If you are tardy, please wait for the music to finish before joining class. Questions from students relevant to the material being presented in class are always encouraged, but breaking concentration by talking during class can be very disruptive.
- **If you are sick, please do not attend class.** We want you well, but please don't share what you have! **If you are injured, you should still attend class.** Observe, take notes, and participate as best you can. You will absorb and gain much more by being a part of class than staying home and you won't miss out on any important material covered in classes.
- **Excessive trips to the restroom or for water will not be tolerated.** It is a major distraction to the class. Please use the restroom before class. There is usually a break during class for water & the restroom. If the need arises outside of the break, please find the least disruptive time.
- **Respect**—Treat yourself, your teacher, and other dancers with respect. Everyone learns at their own pace and should be given encouragement and respect for their knowledge and ability.
- **Body Language**—Attentiveness is important. Leaning on the barre, standing in a lazy position, or staring off in another direction while your teacher is speaking gives the impression that the student is disinterested and is not respecting the information being given.
- **Corrections**—Keep a notebook. Try your best to apply the corrections given. And remember, your teacher has more knowledge than you do, therefore, it is disrespectful to argue. It is best to take the correction with a gracious "thank you" and move on rather than argue if you disagree.
- **Remember Why You Are In Class**—Your teacher assumes you are here because you love to dance and are eager to learn! **Most of all, remember to have fun!**