



# student handbook

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## Studio Rules:

- Classes will begin promptly at their designated time and students are expected to arrive with sufficient time to be ready for class.
- No candy or food is permitted inside the studio space, only water in a spill proof water bottle. For dancers who take extended class times or multiple classes subsequently, small, non-messy snacks are allowed to be kept in their bag.
- Stroia Dance Studios is not responsible for valuables left unattended in dressing rooms/ lobbies.
- Stroia Dance Studios is not responsible for injuries sustained in class.
- Students are expected to conduct themselves responsibly, respecting instructors, other dancers, and all studio space. A student acting inappropriately, in a manner of disrespect, or jeopardizing the safety of themselves or other dancers will be dismissed immediately.
- Stroia Dance Studios does not discriminate admission or dismissal from the studio and practice space based on gender, age, race, or religious views.
- All students are welcome to participate in the Spring Recital. Students must be invited to perform in additional performances, demonstrations, activities, or competitions. No students are obligated to participate in said additional performances, demonstrations, activities, or competitions.
- Stroia Dance Studios reserves the right to refuse any photography, videography, or recordings of any kind in any studio or other location.

## Dancewear:

- Dance shoes and tights should be purchased through Stroia Dance Studios, to ensure that all students match. Orders can be placed by filling out an order form and placing them in payment box at each studio location or a request can be sent via email. Orders will not be placed until the payment has been received. As well, a sufficient number of supplies must be requested before an order is placed with the supplier.

- The dress code for female students: leotard, tights, ballet slippers, and hair secured away from the face in a bun.
- The dress code for male students: dance pants or tights, a formfitting t-shirt, ballet slippers, and hair must also be secured away from the face.
- Appropriate supportive garments for males and females are also required.
- Students can also wear leggings, leg warmers, dance skirts, dance pants/ shorts, and tight-fitting tops. Loose fitting and baggy clothing will not be permitted.
- Elaborate, ornate, heavy, or gaudy jewelry is not permitted, any student wearing items of this nature may be asked to remove said jewelry.
- Students must also observe good personal hygiene.
- Stroia Dance Studio instructors reserve the right to request any student to remove clothing items that are not in alignment with the dress code. As well, the instructors reserve the right to dismiss any student not in alignment with the dress code.

#### Tuition:

- Checks should be made payable to Stroia Dance LLC.
- Tuition is due by the first of each month. After the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed.
- There is a \$30.00 returned payment fee.
- Payments should be placed in the payments box at each studio.
- Stroia Dance Studios reserves the right to dismiss any student from participating in class based on outstanding tuition, or any other fees.
- No refund will be given for a student that chooses to quit mid-month. If a student is injured, a pro-rated refund will be given as long as a doctor's note is provided stating that student should not continue to dance with said injury.
- A student wishing to unenroll in classes needs to provide 30 day written notice, this may be done by email or by a physical note. If this is not completed, tuition will continue to be charged.
- Missed classes by a student, inclement weather, or ill teacher can be made up in any studio location at an equal or lower class level. No refunds on classes will be given.
- Students participating in Company Productions may have a cancelled class due to performance and rehearsal dates, these performances and rehearsals serve as those classes.
- There are two breaks observed in the year, Holiday break and a break after the Spring Recital. The full month's tuition is due for both December and May as some months throughout the year have 5 weeks of ballet classes.

Additional items:

- Contact from Stroia Dance Studios will be primarily through email, so please check the email provided regularly to make sure you are staying informed on upcoming events and dates, any late payment notices, costume fees, class cancellations, etc.
- Registration: Each year a registration form will be required from each student to obtain new/ updated contact information. This ensures that we have all the up-to-date pertinent information for each student/ family. There is a registration fee associated with the registration form that must be paid in order to be added to the email contact list.
- Weather closures: In the event of inclement weather, each studio location will abide by that school district's decision. If school is cancelled, on early release, or if after school activities are cancelled due to weather conditions class will also be cancelled and an email notification will be sent.
- Spring Recital Costumes: Each year there will be a Spring Recital to allow all students to showcase their progress and skills. Spring Recital costumes are purchased for keep and payment is due when the costume order is placed.
- Nutcracker: Students must be invited to participate in the Company's annual Nutcracker performance. Those participating will be placed in dances according to their abilities. They will be assessed costume rental fee for any dance(s) in which they perform.

*Please know our goal is to provide an enhanced environment for students to feel empowered to grow and learn not only as dancers, but as individuals by acquiring important life skills such as discipline, work ethics, accountability, and teamwork through dance.*

