Studio Code of Conduct

1.1 Attendance and punctuality

Text or email the studio as soon as you know your dancer will miss class. Make-up classes are offered only when A-Z Dance Studio cancels a class. We'll notify families of closures and class cancellations by email. The limit is three unexcused absences per enrolled class per session. More than three unexcused absences in a class may result in removal from that class or its recital piece. Documentation is required for an absence to be excused. Excused absences do not count toward the limit. Arrive on time, dressed and ready to dance. If class has started, enter quietly. Dancers are marked late five minutes after class starts.

1.2 Respect and class behavior

Dancers, families, instructors, and staff are expected to treat one another with kindness and respect. Dancers should follow instructor directions and stay engaged. Bullying, inappropriate language, and disruptive behavior are prohibited. Depending on the situation, instructors may redirect a dancer, ask them to sit out briefly, or dismiss them from class. The studio will notify a parent or guardian right away if their dancer is dismissed from class.

1.3 Dress code and studio etiquette

Follow the dress code for your class, respect studio equipment, take care of your belongings, and help keep the studio clean.

1.4 Food and water

Bring a labeled water bottle. Food, gum, and candy are prohibited in the dance studio. Dancers with back-to-back classes may eat between classes in the designated area.

1.5 Phones and electronics

Phones should stay put away during class, and smartwatches should be set to silent.

1.6 Parent communication

Please text or email the studio to arrange a time to speak with your dancer's instructor. Allow classes to run without interruption.

1.7 Health and safety

Keep your dancer's allergies, injuries, and medical conditions up to date in the parent portal. Let the studio know directly about new or changed medical information that could affect your dancer in class. Contact the studio directly before class about any severe allergy, injury, or medical condition staff should know about.

1.8 Illness

Keep your dancer home if they have a fever, are vomiting, or have a contagious illness. Dancers may return once they've been cleared to resume regular activities. Instructors may request documentation of that clearance.

1.9 Studio environment

A-Z Dance Studio reserves the right to dismiss a dancer or family whose behavior is consistently disruptive or disrespectful or compromises the safety or well-being of the studio community.

Dress Code

2.1 All dancers

Secure hair away from the face, remove jewelry, and bring a labeled water bottle. Pajamas, jeans, and clothing with inappropriate graphics or language are prohibited.

2.2 Ballet attire

A leotard is required for Ballet. Mini Ballet dancers should wear a leotard and tights in any color, plus ballet shoes.

2.3 Other class attire

Minis and Littles may wear a leotard or fitted dancewear. Juniors, Seniors, and Teens should wear fitted dancewear that lets instructors see alignment and movement. Looser athletic clothing is welcome for Hip Hop.

2.4 Company

Company dancers must wear fitted dancewear in black, white, or red only. Purple, maroon, and all other colors are prohibited.

2.5 Footwear by dance style

Shoe requirements are also listed in the class descriptions in the parent portal.

Ballet • Ballet shoes in any color for rehearsals. Pink ballet slippers for performances, including the recital.

Jazz • Tan jazz shoes.

Tap • Tap shoes in any color for rehearsals. Black tap shoes for performances, including the recital.

Lyrical • Turners or black dance socks.

Contemporary • Toe undies or black dance socks.

Acro • Bare feet or turners.

Hip Hop • Clean indoor sneakers in any color, reserved for the dance floor. Sneakers worn outdoors are prohibited on the dance floor. Performance footwear requirements will be shared closer to the show.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

3.1 Parking and entrance

Park in the Carozza Fitness lot at **55 Crescent Street, Stamford, CT**. Use the studio entrance immediately to the **left of the picnic table**. Walk straight down the hallway, go through the door at the end, and head upstairs to A-Z Dance Studio. Please drive slowly in the lot and watch for children and families.

3.2 Arrival and drop-off

Please arrive on time with your dancer dressed and ready to dance. A parent or guardian should walk **Minis and Littles** upstairs and check them in with an instructor or staff member. **Juniors, Seniors, and Teens** may go upstairs and check themselves in. After check-in, please step out of the dance room. We recommend having younger dancers use the restroom before class.

3.3 While your dancer is in class

You're welcome to wait in the downstairs hallway, leave and return for pick-up, or use the gym. A-Z families receive **50% off a Carozza Fitness gym membership**.

3.4 Pick-up

Please arrive promptly at the scheduled end of class. Parents and guardians may come upstairs to pick up **Minis and Littles**. **Juniors, Seniors, and Teens** will be dismissed from class and may meet their parent or guardian in the downstairs hallway or parking lot.

3.5 Alternate and late pick-up

For all age groups, notify the studio in advance if someone other than a parent or guardian will pick up your dancer. If you're running late, please **call or text the studio** as soon as possible so we can keep your dancer supervised until you arrive.

3.6 Supervision

Parents and guardians are responsible for their dancers before check-in and after pick-up.

Spring Recital

Our anticipated recital date is **Saturday, May 29, 2027**. Dancers must be enrolled in both the winter and spring sessions to perform. **Spring registration opens Sunday, February 7, 2027.** If you already know your dancer won't be performing, please let us know at the studio so we can plan class routines accordingly.

Registration acknowledgment

By registering for classes, programs, intensives, or events at A-Z Dance Studio, the parent or guardian confirms that they have read and agree to follow all policies in this packet, including the Studio Code of Conduct, Dress Code, and Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures.