UNITY Standards of Etiquette for Dance Education
[Classroom/Teacher, Parent & Audience]


1. Classroom
   a. Teacher
      o Sets tone
      o Models good classroom decorum
      o Honors kids’ and parents’ time and investment:
         ▪ Prepare lesson plans and objectives
         ▪ Operate the class as scheduled
         ▪ Teach age-appropriate curriculum
         ▪ Wear proper dance attire
         ▪ Understand, respect and implement the school policies.
         ▪ Avoid personal communication while teaching (text, phone, social media)
         ▪ Avoid eating or chewing gum
   b. Student
      o Be respectful of your teacher’s time and commitment; arrive 15 minutes before class
      o If late be mindful of ongoing class
      o Understand and honor the studio handbook
      o Avoid unnecessary talking during class
      o Wear appropriate attire
2. **Parents**
   - Respect teachers’ and dance studio’s schedules and policies
   - Read and share with your child all school handouts and communications
   - If you have concerns about your child, make an appointment to discuss first with the teacher, then with administration. Do not engage in ad-hoc hallway meetings.
   - Drop off and pick up your child on time
   - Make sure your child has proper attire and equipment
   - Refrain from negative comments and conversation regarding studios, parents, teachers and other students
   - Understand and live up to your financial commitments
   - Respect and follow the policies of the studio regarding backstage rules

3. **Audience – to enhance experience of the performers and audience members**
   - Watch the performance in a quiet and respectful manner
   - Avoid unnecessary talking
   - Turn off all electronics
   - Follow the policies of the theater and the studio regarding photography and video
   - Dress respectfully for the occasion
   - Stay seated unless there is an emergency
   - Refrain from catcalls and cheering
   - Arrive on time and stay until the end
   - Audience reactions and applause at the appropriate times are appreciated