Hi and welcome to Focus Dance Studio!

Below is a link to our Studio Parent Portal
https://app.gostudiopro.com/online/focusdancestudio

Welcome to Focus Dance Studio! We are committed to excellence in dance and personal growth, combining a fun atmosphere with strong discipline, technique, and work ethic. To create the best environment for our dancers, we operate as a team. We ask parents to support our instructors as we guide your children toward greater confidence, maturity, and skill. Open communication and cooperation between parents and staff are essential to making this a positive experience for everyone.

Important Studio Policies

- **Required Forms:** Each parent and dancer must sign the FDS Rules & Guidelines and the Liability Release waiver prior to their first class.
- **Studio App:** All announcements, handouts, class photos, and Q&As are shared exclusively through our studio app. Every family must have active access (scan the QR code included in this packet to join).
- **Tuition & Payment:** Payment is due during the first week of each month. A $10 late fee is applied after 7 days. Monthly tuition remains fixed regardless of whether a month has 3, 4, or 5 weeks. If an account is past due by 30 days, the dancer will be paused from attending class until the balance is resolved.
- **Attendance & Make-Up Classes:** We do not issue account credits for missed classes. However, if your dancer misses a class (or an instructor is absent), they are welcome to attend a make-up session in a similar style or a designated make-up class.
- **Parent Location:** Parents are asked to remain in the lobby during class times to keep our dancers focused. Parents are not permitted inside the dance studios, with the exception of our 3-year-old Creative Movement class.

- **Communication:** To protect our instructors' teaching time and privacy, **all questions, concerns, or feedback must be directed to Miss Christy only.** Please do not approach instructors directly. Sensitive matters will be handled by Miss Christy to ensure every issue is resolved respectfully and promptly.

Dancer & Parent Expectations

To ensure a safe, focused, and encouraging environment for everyone, we ask our dancers to follow these studio expectations:

- **Preparation:** Arrive on time, dressed in proper attire, with a water bottle and any necessary light snacks. If you arrive late or need to leave early, please enter or exit quietly after speaking with your instructor.
- **Studio Etiquette:** No street shoes in the dance studios, no dance shoes worn outside, and no gum or candy in class. Please keep cell phones silenced.
- **Respect & Focus:** Show respect to instructors, staff, and fellow dancers at all times. Listen attentively before asking questions, respect personal space, and remain standing/engaged unless directed otherwise. Talking while the instructor is teaching is not permitted.
- **Positive Mindset:** Never walk out of class due to frustration. Dancers are encouraged to encourage one another—peer corrections are not allowed. If something feels challenging, we replace "I can't" with **"I can't, *yet*!"**

**** Note:** Hands-on instruction is a standard part of dance training. Instructors may physically adjust a dancer's posture or alignment to teach safe technique. Instructors may also assist with styling hair, makeup, and costuming as needed for performances and choreography.*

Class Dress Codes

- **Ballet & Kinder Combo:** Dark leotard with tan or pink tights (optional skirts or shorts). Hair in a neat bun. Pink/tan ballet shoes (and tap shoes for Kinder Combo).
- **Jazz:** Black tight-fitting dance clothes, or black leggings/leotard with tights. Hair pulled back. Tan or black jazz shoes.
- **Hip Hop:** Comfortable movement clothes (no tight jeans). Studio-only sneakers (no street shoes).
- **Contemporary:** Comfortable athletic clothing (no jeans). Pirouette shoes or
- dance socks. Hair pulled back.
- **Acro:** Comfortable athletic wear, bare feet. Hair pulled back.
- **Pom / Cheer:** Comfortable athletic wear and studio-only sneakers. Hair pulled back.

Policy Compliance Procedure

If studio rules or expectations are not followed, we utilize the following standard steps:

1. **1st Notice:** Gentle verbal warning directly to the dancer.
2. **2nd Notice:** Parent is contacted to discuss the issue.
3. **3rd Notice:** The dancer may be asked to sit out or be sent home for the remainder of the session.

(Please note: Directing complaints or aggressive behavior toward instructors instead of Miss Christy may result in immediate dismissal from the studio programs.)

Studio Expectations & Instructor Guidance

To ensure every dancer has the best possible experience, get the most out of their time in the studio, and continue growing in their practice, we ask our students to follow a few core expectations.

- Hands-on Instruction: To teach proper technique and ensure safety, instructors may gently adjust posture, fix body lines, or manually guide a dancer's movement.
- Styling & Presentation: For performances, class consistency, or specific choreography, instructors may assist with or adjust hair, makeup, and attire to fit the dance style.

Thank you so much for trusting us with your dancer's journey—we are excited to work together!