

Folklorico Student Handbook

Welcome to Our Dance Studio

Welcome to our dance family! We are excited to provide a space where students can grow, learn, and develop a love for dance while building confidence, discipline, and creativity. Our goal is to create a positive and supportive environment where every dancer feels encouraged to reach their full potential.

Our Mission & Vision

Our mission is to provide quality dance training while inspiring students through movement, culture, teamwork, and self-expression. We strive to create well-rounded dancers who develop strong technique, confidence, respect, and appreciation for the art of dance.

Our Training Philosophy

We believe dance is a journey that requires patience, consistency, and dedication. Our training focuses on developing strong foundations, proper technique, musicality, and performance skills while allowing each dancer to grow at their own pace.

What Families Can Expect

Families can expect a structured and encouraging program where students receive professional instruction, personal guidance, and opportunities to develop their skills. We value open communication and teamwork between instructors, students, and families to create a successful dance experience.

Discipline, Respect & Commitment

Dance teaches valuable life skills beyond the studio. We emphasize discipline, respect, responsibility, and commitment as important parts of a dancer's growth. Students are expected to come prepared, give their best effort, respect their instructors and classmates, and take pride in their progress.

Class Expectations & Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to arrive on time, prepared, and ready to learn with the proper dance attire and shoes. Consistent attendance, punctuality, and communication are important for dancer growth; families should notify the studio or instructor prior to class if a student will be absent.

Dancers are expected to participate with a positive attitude, follow instructor directions, show respect toward instructors, classmates, and the studio space, and contribute to a safe, focused, and encouraging learning environment.

Parent Observation & Class Participation Policy

For minor student classes, parents and guardians are not permitted to remain inside the studio during class unless invited by the instructor or studio director.

This policy allows for proper space, safety, and a professional learning environment where dancers can focus, build independence, confidence, discipline, and personal growth. We value family support and appreciate your trust in our instructors as we guide each dancer's development.

Attendance Policy

Consistent attendance is essential for a dancer's growth, progress, and success. Regular participation helps students develop technique, coordination, confidence, and retain choreography.

Families should notify the studio or instructor prior to class if a student will be absent. Missed classes may affect progress, and students are responsible for continuing their practice and preparation.

Students should arrive on time and be ready to participate. Frequent tardiness or absences may impact training and disrupt the learning environment. Performance participation requires consistent attendance at classes and required rehearsals to ensure dancers are prepared and confident.

Dress Code & Required Supplies

All dancers are expected to arrive at class prepared with the proper attire, footwear, and supplies needed for their training. Required items for all levels include:

- Athletic wear suitable for movement
- Tennis shoes
- Ballet Folklórico shoes
- Bandana
- Proper hydration (water bottle)

Female dancers are also required to have:

- Practice skirt
- Hand fan

Proper attire and supplies allow dancers to move safely, participate fully, and receive effective instruction. Hair should be secured away from the face, and jewelry or accessories that may interfere with movement or safety should be avoided.

Students should bring a water bottle with a secure lid to prevent spills and accidents in the studio. Sugary drinks, snacks, and containers without a closed lid are not permitted during class to help maintain a clean, safe, and focused learning environment.

Families will receive additional information regarding Folklórico de Las Vegas gear and studio apparel available for purchase. Optional packages may also be available, including dance tops and bottoms, to help families conveniently purchase approved studio attire and support a consistent look for training and performances.

Additional costume and performance requirements will be communicated as needed based on class level, events, and participation.

Student Behavior Code

Our studio is committed to providing a positive, safe, and supportive environment for all dancers. We are a toxic-free and zero-bullying zone. Bullying, disrespect, negativity, or behaviors that impact the safety and well-being of others are not accepted.

Students are expected to show:

- **Respect** toward instructors, classmates, families, and the studio
- **Responsibility** for their actions, learning, and belongings
- **Teamwork and sportsmanship** by encouraging and supporting others
- **Positive attitudes** and appropriate language

- **Respect for Ballet Folklórico traditions** and the cultural significance behind the art form

Every dancer contributes to creating a welcoming environment where everyone can learn, grow, and succeed.

Communication Policies

Our studio values clear and consistent communication with families. Important updates, reminders, and announcements will be shared through our official communication channels, including **email, social media, and the studio website**.

Official studio announcements will be posted through our **Folklórico de Las Vegas Instagram account**, sent through email, and updated on the studio website to ensure families have access to current information.

For urgent or emergency situations, communication may be sent through Instagram and/or directly from the studio phone number.

Families are encouraged to reach out with questions or concerns. We ask that all communication remain respectful and allow appropriate time for responses.