

# CONSTELLATION GUIDEBOOK

## *A parent's guide to Starpath Dance Academy*

### What you should know about us

**We believe every student is on their own unique dance journey. We support each student in a warm community environment with professionalism and passion.**

- 1) **We are here for you and your children.** Our main mission is to serve you and make sure your children are learning skills that will allow them to fulfill their goals, whether they want to become professional dancers, stay fit, build self-confidence, make friends, or just have fun!
- 2) **We are different than other dance studios.** Most dance studios offer a wide range of classes for many different age levels. What other studios don't do, however, is base their curriculum on dance as a means to many different objectives — having fun, beginning professional dance careers, and maintaining good health!
- 3) **We are an Academy.** Our instruction is of a high caliber and we enforce our dress codes and policies. We offer specialty classes and seminars that allow our students to explore dance in multiple ways.
- 4) **We want the best for our dancers.** Whether it's in dance, health, or their happiness, we want our dancers to get the best possible experience each time they walk into Starpath Dance Academy. Students may schedule one-on-one conferences with Miss Lindsey to discuss their goals and receive guidance in mapping out a dance plan.

### Starpath Dance Academy Policies

#### Dress Code

Dancers at Starpath Dance Academy are required to wear the appropriate attire, and there is a strict dress code that can be found on our website and within Costume Manager.

Starlight Babies (ages 2-3) must wear a pink leotard and pink tights. They may wear an optional skirt. Starlight Babies are required to have both buckled tap and full-sole ballet shoes.

Starlight Tots (ages 3-4) must wear a purple leotard and pink tights. They may wear an optional skirt. Starlight Tots are required to have both buckled tap and full-sole ballet shoes.

Starlight Kids (ages 4-5 and 5-6) must wear a blue leotard and pink tights. They may wear an optional skirt. Starlight Kids are required to have buckled tap and full-sole ballet shoes.

All combo, tap, jazz, ballet, and lyrical students must wear a leotard and the appropriate shoes, which you can find listed on [CostumeManager.com](http://CostumeManager.com) with your appropriate Class ID number.

Tap and jazz students may wear shorts or pants. Ballet and pointe students must wear tights (skirt is optional). Lyrical students can wear pants, skirts, dresses, or shorts.

Hip hop, lyripop and aerobic students can wear whatever they feel most comfortable in that will not constrict their movement. They must be barefoot or wear hip hop sneakers.

### **Tuition & Fees**

Starpath Dance Academy requires a registration fee each dance year. The non-refundable fee is \$30 per new student, or \$50 per family with two or more dancers. It is reduced for returning families (\$25 for one dancer or \$42 for multiple dancers).

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month, and can easily be set up to automatically deduct from your credit card when you register for classes. If you have a special situation that requires paying at a different time of month, please contact our office at (919) 830-2806.

Tuition paid after the 5th is considered late and the late fee is \$15. If tuition is more than a month late, the late fee increases to \$50.

If you need to cancel classes you must give notice in writing by the 15th of the month to not be charged for the following month. When you sign up for classes, you sign up for the whole year. You are not charged for classes during any breaks, including Christmas or Thanksgiving breaks — breaks are accounted for in payment structure.

Starpath Dance Academy expects that you will be on time to pick your child up from their classes. If you are more than 10 minutes late without notice repeatedly, you may incur a fee.

Instead of charging a recital fee, Starpath Dance Academy requires each family to purchase four recital tickets if their child chooses to participate in the recital.

### **Make-Up Classes**

Students are allowed to make up three dance classes until March 1 if they have to miss their normally scheduled class due to vacation, sickness or personal matters. You must make an appointment for them in advance to attend a different class that is suited for their age. There are no make-ups for studio holidays. Classes cancelled by the studio for reasons such as weather can also be made up and not accounted for in the three allotted. There will be no make-ups after March 1.

## **Promotions**

- All siblings get a 10% monthly discount
- Classes are 25-30% off when your dancer takes more than one class per week

## **Performances**

There will be an end-of-year recital each dance year.

Starpath Dance Academy will hold two to four observation weeks each dance year.

We have a Performance Team. Please call us to inquire about becoming a part of it!

## **Starpath Dance Academy Code of Conduct**

### **For Parents**

- Be supportive of all dancers.
- Avoid making comments or “coaching on the sidelines.”
- Be respectful to other parents, teachers, and staff members — we will always be respectful to you!
- Do not make negative comments about other dance studios.
- Do not enter the dance rooms unless asked to. Parent Observation Weeks occur multiple times during the dance year.
- Enjoy watching your child grow and dance! This is such a wonderful experience for both of you, and you will make lifelong memories!

### **For Students**

- Be on time to class in the appropriate attire.
- No chewing gum.
- Water only in class.
- No sitting during class unless instructed to do so.
- No gossiping.
- Come prepared to dance and give each class 110%.
- Respect your friends and teachers.
- HAVE FUN!