

2024-2025 Legacy Dance Performing Teams **Policies and Expectations**

The purpose of Legacy School of Dance's Performing Teams is to provide dancers with performance opportunities outside the dance studio, and at the same time represent our program to the community at large. Performing Team members must take this responsibility seriously and always represent the mission statement of Legacy School of Dance: *Students in our program will receive proper technique, and each class focuses on building self-confidence while learning to apply aspects of good character.*

Members of the performing teams are held to a higher expectation for dance technique. Each year, coaches/instructors will set growth goals for each dancer. Team members should make every effort to increase their strength in those areas. Teams are selected based on technique, enthusiasm, commitment level, attitude, and behavior in class. These things are always being evaluated and our instructors reserve the right to move dancers to different teams throughout the year based on these factors.

Good character is of equal importance to proper technique. Performing Team members are expected to be kind and courteous at all times when representing our program. We are here to build each other up and support each other. No one should be treated better than the other. In addition, performing team members are not to create division among other dance students. **Team members should be so kind and encouraging to everyone that other students can look up to and emulate you.**

The Performing Teams are an elite *team*, and should be treated as such. Absences affect not only the individual, but the team as a whole. Students are encouraged to participate in other activities because it makes for a well-rounded person. **However, the commitment to this team must take precedence over all other extracurricular activities.**

A parent and the team member must review and initial each expectation below:

Behavior and attitude:

- ____ ____ I will be respectful of all team members, fellow students and myself.
- ____ ____ I will be respectful of my coach and all instructors.
- ____ ____ I will use my voice to encourage others and not criticize.
- ____ ____ I will refrain from using foul language and words that downgrade others.
- ____ ____ I will encourage other team members both in and out of dance classes.
- ____ ____ I will be teachable and accept corrections in a positive manner.

Set an example:

- ____ ____ I will set an example of kindness and inclusion to my team and all other students in the Legacy family.
- ____ ____ I will not have an "Us/Them" mentality. (You don't get to brag to other dance students about how cool you are that you are in a Performing Team.)
- ____ ____ I will commit to encourage team members and other students in and out of class (and school, too).

Team mentality:

- _____ I will support this "One Team" mentality.
- _____ I will focus on building each other up through encouragement, support, and positive attitude.

Commitment:

- _____ I understand that my attendance at all practices and performances is expected (some performances may be during the school day).
- _____ I understand that if I must be gone for some reason, I will communicate a necessary absence as far in advance as possible.
- _____ I will be on time, everytime.
- _____ I understand that in the case of mild illness or injury, as long as I am not contagious, I am expected to attend class (or observe as appropriate).
- _____ I understand that there may be consequences if I miss a practice or performance, whether excused or unexcused.

Growth:

- _____ I will focus on the goals my coach has set for me and work hard to reach them.
- _____ I will challenge myself to be better as a dancer and as a person. _____ I will commit to practice at home regularly.
- _____ I will never give up - even if it gets hard.
- _____ I will be committed to grow together as a team and not just focus on my individual growth.

Performance Expectations:

- _____ I understand that while at performances or parades, I am a representation of Legacy School of Dance and I will take that responsibility seriously.
- _____ I will be respectful of every place we practice and perform, leaving it better than we found it.
- _____ I understand that my face and attitude must always look and be happy and friendly - being hot, tired, or bored is never an excuse.
- _____ I will look our audience members in the eyes and be cordial.
- _____ If I do not have the appropriate costume attire (earrings, leotard, skirt, hairpiece) for a performance I understand I will not be able to participate and will incur a consequence determined by the coach or directors.

I understand and acknowledge these policies and will abide by them.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature (if under 18) Date