

COMPETITION TEAM ATTENDANCE POLICY

All Dancekids Competition Team members will attend weekly technique classes and rehearsals. If not possible to attend, student/parent is required to submit the absence via email and the absence will be posted either on the website or in the studio for the teachers and teammates to be aware. Notifying us of a conflict is very important. It lets the teachers and other teammates know that you are a team player. If the class needs to be made up, a make-up class or private lesson must be scheduled promptly. Private lessons are not the same thing as a group rehearsal. They are the best substitute.

From August through December, students may miss 3 of each tech class, and 2 of each team rehearsal before being required to make them up.

From January through the competition season -- This time of the year is very crucial as routines are being finished and competitions begin. During this time period, all dancers may miss one of each team rehearsal, once one has been missed, any subsequent misses will need to be made up at the teacher's discretion. For technique classes (ballet, leaps & turns, acro, etc.), students may miss 2 of each technique class before having to make them up.

The two weeks prior to a competition are **MANDATORY** practice weeks. If a student does miss a team rehearsal during this time, the routine may be rechoreographed without that student. The instructors have the right to change any student's place in a routine at any time due to absences. The decision is based on how early we know about the absence, the ability and willingness to make up the class, what is fair and what would be **BEST** for the **TEAM**.

Factors to be considered include:

- The overall attendance record of the student
- The number of changes being made to the routine
- Whether the student has mastered the routine
- The overall cooperation and attitude of the family throughout the year with studio policy, payment of fees and tuition, etc.
- Willingness to take private lessons or do whatever is necessary to get them "caught up"

Excessive absences may be grounds for dismissal and will be taken into account when auditioning for teams for the next season. Dancers with outstanding absences at the end of the season will not receive their audition results until a plan to make up these absences is in place.