



Madison Area YMCA –Participant Information Sheet

School of Performing Arts (SOPA)

The Madison Area YMCA School of Performing Arts strives to provide a fun, safe and educational experience for all. We incorporate the values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility in everything we do and we ask you to follow the same principles. The following policies allow us to do so.

ATTENDANCE & OBSERVATION

Participants must present membership cards when entering the facility. In order to expedite the check in process, please remember to bring your membership card or program participant card when coming to class. If you do not have a card for yourself and your child, please feel free to stop by the Welcome Center to have one printed. Failure to present your card at check-in will create delays and you may be late for class.

Class observation is only permitted on designated observation days announced by the instructor. Please refrain from sitting on the floor blocking the classroom door. This is not only a fire hazard; it is a distraction to all of our students. Students who wish to perform in our Mid-Year Showcase are required to make every effort to attend their scheduled classes to be properly prepared with their classmates and feel confident for their performance.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Please arrive on time with your child prepared to participate fully dressed with appropriate attire. Students are to be dropped off at the door of the classroom and parents/siblings are not to enter the classroom. **Children 11 and under need to be walked to and from every program by a parent/guardian. All children ages 12 and up are able to navigate the Y independently.**

Dance is a physical activity that requires the body to warm up in order to execute movement safely. Students who arrive late may be required to warm up before they are permitted to participate with the rest of the group. It is important for participants to use the restroom before class as bathroom breaks disrupt the flow of the entire class. Please note: Children under the age of 11 are not permitted to go to the restroom unattended. Please pick-up your child at the top of the stairs on the third floor by the couches. The teacher will dismiss students one by one from the classroom and send them down the hall to you.

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

Please respect the Madison Area YMCA's photography policy that does not permit any photo or video to be taken in or out of the class at any time unless it is a scheduled observation week. This means you may not take pictures or video with your phone during regular class time from outside the classroom.

MISSED CLASSES

Make-up classes are only held for classes canceled by the department. There are no make-up classes for inclement weather, vacation, illness or holidays. Our program sessions run back to back and it is nearly impossible to make up a lesson without affecting student to teacher ratios.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

We encourage positive ways for students to express themselves and their individuality, but in order to maintain a healthy, professional environment, students are also taught the importance of being part of a group. We strongly encourage students to have respect for other students, teachers and classroom property, and we foster the development of good habits and compliance with rules of conduct.

ATTIRE

Participants should be dropped off at their classroom door in proper attire. Please do not dress children in the classroom.

Please turn over...

Creative Movement

Comfortable "stretchy" clothes, bare feet.

Dance Kids I, II, & Ballet Combo

Girls: Pink or black leotard and tights, pink leather ballet shoes and black tap shoes with elastic or Velcro ties.

Boys: Comfortable "stretchy" clothes, black leather ballet shoes and black tap shoes with elastic or Velcro ties.

Pre-Ballet, Beginner Ballet I, II & Ballet I, II & III

Girls: Pink or black dance leotard and tights, pink leather ballet shoes.

Boys: Comfortable "stretchy" clothes, black leather ballet shoes.

Lyrical Beginner/Intermediate & Advanced

Leotard and dance shorts, half-sole lyrical turners.

Modern

Leotard with footless tights or yoga pants, bare feet.

Tap I, II & III

Girls: Pink or black leotard and tights, black tap shoes with elastic or Velcro ties.

Boys: Comfortable "stretchy" attire, black tap shoes with elastic or Velcro ties.

Mini Hip Hop, Hip Hop I, II & III

Comfortable street clothes and sneakers.

Mini Jazz, Jazz Beginner/Intermediate & Advanced

Comfortable "stretchy" clothes, jazz shoes.

Mini Musical Theater, Musical Theater, Drama, Acting

Comfortable street clothes and sneakers.

WITHDRAWALS

If you decide to withdraw from class for any reason, you may do so before the 2rd class of the cycle. Refunds are only issued in the event of Madison Area YMCA cancelation of the class or for a valid medical reason documented in writing by a doctor. If you need to make a permanent class switch, there will be a \$15 switch fee if the class has availability.

TERMINATION OF ENROLLMENT

In certain circumstances, when it is in the best interest of one or more students, it may be necessary for the school director to terminate a student's enrollment. Every effort will be made to correct a problematic situation before enrollment is terminated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with your class instructor or contact:

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