

## BALLET ELITE DANCE STUDIO CODE OF CONDUCT

*"Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot."* --Clarence Thomas

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Our goal is to train up dancers in a disciplined environment with positive nurturing and a high standard of training. We strive for professionalism in all that we do. We aim to build character and teach life-long lessons as well as to train students to dance and perform to the best of their ability.

Ballet Elite is a place for everyone to feel safe to learn and enjoy the experience of dance. All dancers have strengths and weaknesses and should feel the freedom to express their strengths and improve their weaknesses. Dancers should support each other and never look down on someone who is not at the same level. **Gossiping and intolerance is a form of bullying that is unacceptable at Ballet Elite.** At Ballet Elite we take responsibility to care for and be accepting of those around us. The only thing that should occur in dance class is dance instruction. Older, more experienced dancers should keep in mind that the younger dancers look to them as role models and should behave in a mature, responsible manner that promotes unity among all dancers. Be mindful to be extraordinary, because manners do matter.

**Always show consideration for others. THINK before you speak.**

T - Is it *true*?

H - Is it *helpful*?

I - Is it *inspiring*?

N - Is it *necessary*?

K - Is it *kind*?

**Any form of bullying (verbal, written, physical, virtual, etc.) will NOT be tolerated at Ballet Elite Dance Studio.** This is a very serious matter and will not be taken lightly. When an incident is reported to the staff, or we become otherwise aware of it, the student(s) involved will be addressed. Ballet Elite Dance Studio reserves the right to issue disciplinary action or, in rare occasions, expel a student if we perceive the severity or repetitive nature of the bullying to be serious. **Drugs, alcohol, or any mood altering substance are not permitted anywhere on the premises or in the parking lot of Ballet Elite.** Students in possession of these substances will be asked to leave Ballet Elite and the authorities may be notified if appropriate.

### **RESPECTFUL CLASS ETIQUETTE**

1. Arrive a few minutes early and be prepared to dance at the start of class.
2. If you arrive late, be mindful of how you enter class, being inconspicuous as you find your place.
3. At Ballet Elite Dance Studio, we have a modest dress code that is posted outside of each studio. Be sure to have the proper attire for each class.
4. Cell phones should be kept in dance bags in the waiting area, and **not used in class.**
5. Please bring water into class to avoid having to leave during class.
6. There is no cursing allowed anywhere in the studio, including in music played that others can hear.
7. Respect the instructor and refrain from talking while they are talking or demonstrating. Focus on improving your dance technique and learning the choreography.
8. When mistakes are made by other dancers, refrain from offering corrections unless you are asked by the instructor to make a comment. It is the instructor's responsibility to give corrections. There will be no negative comments made by other student of any kind. All snickering, remarks, eye rolling, sighs, etc. are disrespectful, disruptive to the dance environment, and will not be tolerated.
9. Always be respectful to those around you, including staff, students, instructors, and those waiting in the lobby.
10. Running through the studios or lobbies is not permitted.

I have read the above statements and I understand that choosing not to follow the Ballet Elite Dance Studio behavior guidelines may result in disciplinary action or, in extreme cases, expulsion.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We hope you will join us in striving for an amazing year of high energy, professional instruction, and unity among our dancers and staff.  
Ballet Elite Staff