

Fergus Falls School of Dance Attendance Requirement Policy 2011

At FFSD, we believe that respect for learning in the classroom setting is very important. Although dance is not often thought of as a “team sport”, when students have excessive absences, the morale and learning experience of the entire class (team) is affected. In addition, student absenteeism disrupts the process of “what” and “how” the teacher teaches. Information has to be repeated and choreography has to be reworked for the benefit of the student who was absent. (Even when the student has great talent and understanding of the material, her/his absence can negatively affect the other students who ARE in class as they have to work around the “holes” created by the absent student especially when learning choreography). The regular presence of EACH STUDENT is IMPORTANT for the class.

For these reasons, we maintain the following attendance policy.

Each student is required to attend in each quarter, at least 70% of each class in which enrolled.

That is: 8 out of 11, 7 of 10, 6 of 9, 6 of 8, 5 of 7, 4 of 6.

Students are welcome to make-up the missed classes IN THE QUARTER in which they were missed.

Make-ups will be counted towards the attendance requirement in the first three quarters. However excess absences in choreography classes in the 4th quarter will not acceptable even if made-up. Be sure to communicate with the teacher to “OK” absences in the 4th quarter!

Students not having 70% attendance will not be able to continue in that class for the rest of the year.

Upper level ballet students, who are required to take 2 or 3 technique classes /week, must have at least 70% attendance in EACH CLASS. The 70% figure is NOT a total of all classes. If the minimum requirement is not met for one class, enrollment will be dropped for both/all.

This requirement will be enforced even if costume deposits/balances have been paid. Remember there are NO REFUNDS on costume payments.

Students who do not have at least 70% attendance in the 4th quarter will not be allowed to perform.

Exceptions may be made on a per case basis in dealing with serious illness and injury, extended trips, etc..
Respectful communication of your situation is key!!

We WANT your student to be dancing with us! That means truly being present and attending class on a regular basis.

I understand and agree with the above outlined attendance requirement for FFSD.

I am enrolling _____
with the understanding that in each quarter he/she will attend 70% of EACH class in which he/she is enrolled.

I understand that failure to follow this requirement will result in being dropped from the class, and not being allowed to perform, regardless of status of costume deposit/balance fees.

(parent signature)

(date)