

Fergus Falls School of Dance Attendance & Masking Requirement Policy 2025-26

At FFSD, we believe that respect for fellow dancers, and the community learning process in the classroom is very important and requires every dancer's contribution. Although dance is not often thought of as a "team" activity, when students have excessive absences, the morale and learning experience of the entire class (team) is affected, it 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, their absence negatively affects the other students who are in class as they have to work around the "holes" created by the absent student especially when learning choreography). Dance is a community learning experience.

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: 6 of 9, 6 of 8, 5 of 7, 4 of 6.

Students are welcome to make-up the missed classes. 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 be 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 and 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! Suzanne and the dancer's teacher(s) will make final decisions regarding excessive absences due to special circumstances. This requirement will be enforced even if costume deposits/balances have been paid. Remember there are no refunds on costume payments.

Our teachers reserve the right to request masks be worn by their students if they feel the need in respect to their own health and safety, and students should be prepared by having a mask in their dance bag. If your student is not feeling well **DO NOT SEND THEM TO CLASS!** Students who are not feeling well will be sent home from the studio. KN95 masks are available for \$2 at all studios. If a student does not have a mask if one is requested to be worn, the \$2 cost will be added to your bill.

We want your student to be dancing with us! That means truly being present and attending class regularly.



Use the QR Code above to sign electronically.

If you prefer analog - cut here and return bottom half with registration. Keep top for your records.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that the student will attend at least 70% of each of their enrolled classes, or if they cannot, that they will make a good faith effort to make up the classes.

Family Name: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Signature _____ Date _____