

# Admission and Tuition Policies

**Commitment:** Our Academy year is from September 2020 until June 2021; due to COVID-19 circumstances we are beginning with a 16 week commitment (August 31, 2020 to December 23, 2020) and we will have an additional commitment of January 2021 to June 2021.

**Mandatory Credit Card on File:** Parents are required to provide a credit card to be kept on file even if paying by check or cash. Parents are committed to pay 4 months of Tuition.

**Tuition:** 4 monthly installments (September through December). Tuition is based on 16 weeks. Tuition is charged to your account every 4 weeks and must be paid in full. Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable.

**Registration Fee:** The annual registration fee is \$30 per family. The registration fee is non-refundable.

**Methods of Payment:** Tuition payments can be made via cash, check or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) either at the front desk or through our online Parent Portal.

**Late Fee:** A \$20 late fee will be applied to accounts that have not been paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Returned Checks:** A \$25 charge will be added to your account for a returned check.

**Make-up:** There are no make-ups or credit for any missed classes for any reason.

## Placement & Evaluation of Students

Students will be evaluated throughout the year and will be placed in the proper level according to technical ability and age. It's not uncommon for a student to stay at the same level for at least two years.

## Private Lessons

The classroom instruction is designed to ensure that students are receiving the proper training for continued progress. Students may require additional training time to prepare for competitions or to further work on a technique that they have not yet perfected. If you are interested in private lessons for your child, please submit a request by e-mail at [southlandballet@gmail.com](mailto:southlandballet@gmail.com) with your child's name and level, intended purpose for the private lessons and requested instructor (if applicable). Please include school dismissal times or if you are home schooled. All privates require prior approval from the Artistic Director. **Consistent attendance in scheduled classes is needed in order to receive a private lesson. Private lessons do not replace scheduled classes. Privates lessons are \$100 per hour and must be made in cash to the Front Desk at the beginning of the lesson.**

## Studio Rentals

**\$50 per Hour** for Outside Rentals,

**\$40 per Hour** for SBA Students to use for extra practice time

# Competitions

Southland Ballet Academy supports attending competitions, while keeping in mind that each is an opportunity to perform and grow. Competition builds team spirit, gives us a chance to enjoy the creativity that all dancers bring to the stage and encourages the participants to work hard to prepare for each event.

**Recommended Competitions** – SBA will have a list of available recommended competitions (California Dance Classics, Icon Dance Awards, Spotlight Dance Awards (High School Students only), and YAGP). Full Time Students that have been taking a minimum of one year of private lessons may be invited by their teacher and the Artistic Director to compete in different competitions. Please email [southlandballet@gmail.com](mailto:southlandballet@gmail.com) to receive the sign-up information for the competitions (including studio codes, etc).

**Teacher Presence at Competition** – There is a fee of \$100 for each local competition location, \$200-500 fee for each non-local competition locations, depending on distance. The Fees cover the studio run-through and teacher presence and warm-up at the competition.

**Each Competition has its own fees for Participation. Competition Fees will include Entry fees and Registration fees. Participants will be informed of fees before each competition.**

## Academy Rules for In-Person Classes

**Drop off & Pick Up** – Parents are expected to drop off and pick up students on time. Parents may not enter the studio at any time. They have to wait outside in their cars or 6' away from any of the dancers or other parents. Academy staff closes the building 10 minutes after the final class of the day. Dancer should arrive 10 minutes before class and should line up outside of the studio leaving a 6' distance between other dancers. Dancers should be picked up promptly after class.

**Illness** – We must enforce a strict rule that no one is allowed in the studio space if they are sick or showing symptoms of illness. If you have a fever, persistent sneezing or coughing (even due to seasonal allergies), or sore throat please do not come to the studio. Teachers will meet the dancer at the door and will take the dancer temperature with a thermal non-contact temperature scanning device. Any students with a fever (99.5°) will not be allowed to enter the studio. The teacher will keep a daily log of their Temperature as well as the students' temperature upon entering.

**Masks** – Dancers will be required to wear a mask upon entry and while exiting the building. They must wear a mask during the duration of the class. Masks must also be worn while in hallways. Dancers are responsible for bringing their own masks, as masks will not be provided by Southland Ballet Academy.

**Class Attire** – Dancers must come dressed for class with hair properly tied up, before entering the studio. Dancer should take their street shoes off and change into their ballet shoes when they enter the building.

**What to Bring** – Dancers will only be allowed to bring into the studio a small bag of belongings for their pointe shoes. Dancer should bring their own water bottle, no food or beverages allowed in studio. Do not use the water fountain.

**Hand Sanitizer**– We will be requiring dancers to use hand sanitizer prior to entering and upon departing the building. This will be provided at the entrance and in the classrooms.

**Social Distancing** – Dancers must maintain their social distance and refrain from touching other students.

**Lateness** – It is essential that students come to class on time. Late arrival does not allow a student sufficient time to warm up and may cause injuries and disrupts class concentration. Notify the front desk by phone at 714-962-5440 (Fountain Valley) or 949-552-9905 (Irvine) if you are going to be delayed.

**Class Safety Measures**– We will be limiting the number of people allowed in each class to allow for proper social distancing. Class times will be staggered to allow for proper sanitizing of door handles, railings, bathrooms, barres and floors. We will use an EPA approved cleaning product. We will open windows and doors in studios to allow for proper air flow. Instructors will maintain social distancing from class attendees and will wear a Mask.

**Jewelry** – No jewelry of any kind except stud earrings are allowed.

**Cell Phone Use** – Cell phones are not allowed in the studios. Students must turn off all cell phones prior to entering the studio.

**Lost And Found** – The studios will hold lost and found items for one month. Items will then be donated to charity. It is advised that all items have the student's name printed on them so that we may return the items promptly.

**Communication** – Information regarding Southland Ballet Academy will be sent via e-mail, email blasts, social media and is available on our website. The faculty does not have time between classes to address concerns properly. If you wish to speak with your child's instructor, please email [southlandballet@gmail.com](mailto:southlandballet@gmail.com). Please include your concerns, name, and phone number in the email and the appropriate staff member will contact you. Faculty and staff members' phone numbers, addresses, and emails will not be given out to students or parents.

**Social Media** – Connect with SBA and FBT on social media to get the latest news and updates. Please use Social Media responsibly.

**Leaving Facility Unattended** – No students should leave the facility without an adult. If your student is a bit older, be sure to discuss all of your guidelines concerning their ability to leave the facility without your supervision. SBA is not responsible for students who leave the facility without your supervision.

**COVID-19 Waiver**– All parents of students that are participating in in-person classes must sign a COVID-19 medical waiver before entering the studio. Dancers will not be allowed to enter the studio without submitting this form prior to their first class.