

# Your Enrollment Info for Patti's All-American

*Thank you for registering for classes at Patti's All-American!*

1. **Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your class time, or earlier if you need to purchase apparel.**
2. **All parents must keep an eye on their children before class begins** and on their child's non-participating siblings during and/or between classes. Siblings are not allowed inside the gym or in the dance room during your child's class.
3. **All parents must come in with their child on the first day of class** in order to be sure we have a signed online policy agreement for your child. **There will be a nametag for your child to wear to the first class** to be picked up at the front desk.
4. **There are cubbies inside the gym and in the dance dressing room for students to put their belongings in (coats/shoes, etc.).** Most students usually change into their gymnastic shoes on the carpet at the edge of the spring floor or in the dance dressing room. There they can wait for the class to start or sit on the bleachers or benches with you until the teacher calls out the class.
5. **Remind your child to go to the restroom before class starts.** If they do have to use the restroom, make sure that they ask the teacher's permission and that they don't just leave the group.
6. **Every adult and child who goes onto the floor of the gym must have an updated online policy agreement on file with us.** If another adult attends class, other than the one who originally registered the student, they must go to the office to be added to the online policy agreement. If a sibling is brought out on the floor, that child's name must be entered onto your account and online policy agreement as well.
7. **Every adult who attends class is required to wear socks and comfortable clothing.** There are cubbies INSIDE the gym that each parent can use to store their shoes and belongings. If a parent forgets their socks they will be asked to purchase a pair from our office. No street shoes can be worn in the gymnastics area.
8. **Try not to compare your child to other children in class.** All kids learn in different ways and work at different levels even though they may be the same age and in the same class. Our instructors are trained to teach various levels, even in the same class. Remember that some of these students have had previous instruction, and may already be comfortable with our facility and the way classes are run. You might be surprised at what your child learns from watching other students in the class.
9. **If you feel your child needs more help,** consider a 2nd class, private lesson, or ask the instructor for pointers on how they can improve their dance technique or gymnastics skills.



# DANCE CLASSES

## What to Expect in Your Dance Class (ages 2-8)

- Dancing Gym Bears 2/3
  - Dancing Gym Bears 3 All Me
  - Dancing Gym Bears 4/5
  - Ballet/Gym
  - Ballet/Tap/Gym
  - Tiny Hip Hop
  - Tiny Hip Hop-Nastics
1. **Most parents stay and watch the class, but it is not mandatory.** If you need to leave, please tell the instructor and/or someone at the customer service desk and leave a cell phone number in case of emergency.
  2. **Remind your child to listen to their teacher.** The gym or dance room can be noisy environment. Your child needs to pay attention to what is happening in their class. In the dance room, children will be working cooperatively as well as in pairs. Remind them to never hang on the bars or run in the dance room and dressing room areas. In the gym, they will be taking turns and learning to work independently at stations. It is important that they don't leave the class to go out to the lobby to see their parents. We strive to teach your children gymnastics. Remember this is not open gym time and the students must stay with their class.
  3. **Try not to “coach” your student from any of the viewing areas.** Cheering them on is great, but leave the instruction to the teacher. If there is a discipline problem, the teacher may ask the student to sit out with you, but this is a last resort.
  4. **Remember to bring your child’s proper dance/gymnastics attire for class every week.** Girls should have their hair in a ponytail and pulled off of their face if it is long enough. Apparel must be purchased from Patti’s All-American. The reason for all of these rules is your child’s safety.
  5. **The cubbies in the dance dressing room are for all dance students to put their belongings** in (coats, shoes, etc.) before class. Most students usually change into their proper shoes for their class. They can wait in the dressing room until the teacher calls them into class.
  6. **Always feel free to ask your child’s instructor any questions** you may have about their progress and/or behavior during class. If you are not comfortable speaking to them, you can contact the Dance Manager, Robin Arvanitis (Miss Robin).
  7. **The Dance Connection is a recital school, meaning we participate in an annual Holiday Recital in December and another recital in June.** This is our culmination of all the skills and techniques learned throughout the year.

## Your dance class will include:

- Basic warm-up and rhythmic combination in circle
- Port de bras and foot positions
- Barre work with technical skills stressed
- Progressions across the floor incorporating a new step each week
- Group technique working together
- Cooperative dance game focusing on a “step of the week”
- “Jump overs” - our way to teach leaps and create a fun ending
- Clapping and rhythm exercises finish the class to enforce our learning of listening counting to music

**Use these words and techniques at home and encourage lots of exercise with your kids. They say the families that sweat together, stick together. Thank you for your confidence in our dance program and welcome to a world of dance, fitness and fun!**

## **What to Expect in Your School-Age Dance Class(ages 6-18)**

- Ballet
- Lyrical
- Ballet/Lyrical
- Pointe
- Jazz
- Leaps & Turns
- Hip Hop
- Contemporary
- Jr. Pom/Jazz

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2. **Remind your child to listen to their teacher.** Your child needs to pay attention to what is happening in their class. Children will be working cooperatively as well as in pairs. Remind them to never hang on the bars or run in the dance room and dressing room areas.
3. **Try not to “coach” your student from any of the viewing areas.** Cheering them on is great, but leave the instruction to the teacher. If there is a discipline problem, the teacher may ask the student to sit out with you, but this is a last resort.
4. **Remember to bring your child’s proper dance attire for class every week.** Girls should have their hair pulled off of their face if it is long enough, and styled the way the teacher wants hair to be styled for their specific class (high ponytail, bun, etc.). Dance apparel must be purchased from Patti’s All-American unless otherwise specified by teacher.
5. **Always feel free to ask your child’s instructor any questions** you may have about their progress and/or behavior during class. If you are not comfortable speaking to them, you can contact the Dance Manager, Robin Arvanitis (Miss Robin).
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