

# Troupe Contract

Troupes are comprised of students who want an accelerated learning environment that focuses on technique, teamwork, and performance. Troupe classes require a deeper level of commitment and focus than recreational classes. Students that are in troupes must commit to the following requirements:

1. All troupe members are required to take a technique class. Ballet is mandatory for any student in a Jazz or Lyrical/Modern troupe. Clogging, Tap, and Hip Hop troupe members may take either a Ballet, Lyrical or Jazz class that is not a troupe class. The attendance policy also applies to technique classes. More than 2 absences per semester will result in the dancer being required to attend make-up classes for that technique or to pay for private lessons.
2. Troupe members are only allowed 2 absences per semester (Sept-Jan and Feb-June). The studio should be notified of all absences **BEFORE** the class. Excessive absences will result in the dancer being removed from the choreography for that section or possibly the entire dance. Extenuating circumstances will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Should a troupe member become injured, he/she should still actively observe class (no homework, phone, etc.). Should a troupe member develop a conflict with his/her troupe class and participation in a school athletic team, leadership position, or performing arts group, he/she will need to meet with the teacher and Artistic Director to develop a plan for participation in both groups. Please do everything possible to avoid conflicts with your troupe classes. Every absence after 2 will be charged a \$35 fee. Absences effect the entire group and cause delays in technical development, and disrupt and delay the choreographic process. This causes frustration for the teacher and students in the class. If you cannot fully commit to attending all classes, all rehearsals, and all events then we will find a recreational class for you. You are part of a team, and the team can only be effective if EVERY member is present and fully committed.
3. Troupes will have performances throughout the season. All troupe members are expected to attend all performances. A troupe calendar will be distributed at the beginning of the season. Rehearsal and performance dates should be blocked off and conflicts should be avoided. We will do our very best to give you the dates as soon as we have them. Required troupe performances: NC State Fair (cloggers only), Day in Downtown (cloggers and production troupes), Fuquay and Holly Springs Christmas Parades (all troupes for BOTH parades), Competition sharing, 2-3 competitions per year (March-May), Balloon Festival (Memorial Day Weekend), Dress Rehearsal, and Recital. More performances may be added as opportunities arise.
4. Troupe members will have the opportunity to participate in one convention this year. This convention will be optional. This will be a weekend event (Friday night-Sunday) and will more than likely require a hotel stay. These are great opportunities to learn from different teachers, expand your knowledge of styles, and grow as a dancer.
5. Troupe members are required to purchase a Studio Five warm up, troupe t-shirt, dance bag, troupe make up, and troupe earrings and necklace as well as all costumes for his/her troupe. Troupe hair and make-up will be taught to all new members. All Troupe members are required to have the proper hair and make-up done at all events. Practice ahead of time to avoid delaying the performance times.
6. Troupe members need to join the Troupe Facebook page to stay abreast with all of the latest news. The Troupe Facebook page is for sharing information, coordinating events, and sharing kudos and congratulations. It is not a forum for complaining, discussing policies, or petitioning to change schedules or standards. If you have an issue, you should email the Artistic Director.
7. Troupe members are required to attend all Troupe events—lock-ins, dinners, etc. It is important to build relationships with your team. We will hold several team building events for each Troupe.
8. Pictures for Troupe will be taken in February/March on a Saturday. All troupe members are required to be in the group picture. Purchasing pictures (individual or group) is optional. Troupe pictures will be used for promotional materials.
9. Most importantly, we want all of our Troupe members to have fun, make lasting memories, and grow as dancers and performers!

By signing this contract you are agreeing to abide by the expectations for all Troupe members. You understand that attendance for class, rehearsals, performances, and events is mandatory. You agree to communicate with the teachers and directors in a positive manner. You understand that decisions made by the teachers and directors are final. You may schedule an appointment to discuss any issues. Issues are not to be discussed during rehearsal, class time, at performances, or on social media. You understand that Troupe requires full commitment and dedication from each member. You agree to make this commitment, and should you be unable to follow through with your commitment you will inform the teachers and directors immediately.

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_