

# Northwest Dance Intensive

## Code of Conduct

After speaking personally with so many wonderful parents and young dancers, I know that we have a wonderful group coming this year, and I'm looking forward to having a fabulous Intensive.

However, we do require that parents and students agree to the following code of conduct. These guidelines are designed to make the experience at Northwest Dance Intensive as satisfying as possible for everyone attending. It ensures that all participants - dancers, dorm moms, and staff – recognize the importance of respecting the rights, safety and property of others.

We require that each student, as well as staff and instructors, familiarize themselves with this document prior to their arrival at the intensive, and signify their agreement with the NDI Code of Conduct by signing and submitting the form below.

**Please Note:** Should any of the attendees of the Northwest Dance Intensive choose to violate the code of conduct (as outlined below), their parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified immediately. If the violation is serious enough to warrant the dismissal of the dancer from NDI, tuition and fees will not be refunded, and all additional expenses incurred by the dancer shall be at the dancer's own expense.

### **Rules/Guidelines for Students:**

1. In the studio, street shoes and water are to be left at the door. No other food, drinks or chewing gum are allowed.
2. Talking during classes should be restricted to asking the teacher for clarification.
3. Students should be dressed in appropriate dance attire: leotard, tights, and the correct shoes (and skirts for character or partnering classes). No warm-up clothing is allowed once the class has begun without the teacher's permission. Hair should be pulled back and contained.
4. Once class has begun, students must ask the teacher's permission to leave the room. They must return to class in a timely fashion.
5. Students arriving late to class will be admitted at the teacher's discretion, and may be asked to watch rather than participate.
6. All students should take responsibility for warming themselves up before class. For this purpose the studios will be open not less than 20 minutes prior to the start of lessons.
7. In case of sickness or injury, students are expected to remain in their room (or the dorm mom's quarters), resting, watching dance videos or engaged in other quiet activities.
8. Northwest Dance Intensive is committed to creating a supportive and healthy environment for dance education. Disparaging or demeaning remarks will not be tolerated.

9. Students may walk around the campus in groups of 3 or more. Walking to the beach or leaving campus is not allowed except as an approved activity with adult accompaniment.

10. For students living on campus:

- a. At 9:00pm you must be in the dormitory. At 9:30pm you should be in your room and at 10:00pm in bed.
- b. You are responsible for the cleanliness of your rooms and bathrooms. Leaving a mess may result in a warning, and if repeated, a fine.
- c. Males and females are not to be in rooms together, except large common areas such as dance studios, cafeteria, lecture halls and meeting rooms with the doors open. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to expulsion from the workshop without refund.\*\*

**Other grounds for disciplinary action include:**

- Failure to attend classes without an excuse from dorm mother or parent, or chronic tardiness.
- Unauthorized use of college facilities.
- Damaging public property.
- Theft.
- Involvement in sexual activity.
- Use of un-prescribed drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.
- Possession or use of firearms or other weapons.
- Going off campus (except in an approved group with NDI staff, or day students leaving for the evening).
- Any violation of the law.

**Penalties for Infractions:**

Helen Frizzo is head of our Compliance Review Office. All violations of this Code of Conduct must be reported promptly by anyone observing them to Helen Frizzo or Jehrin Alexandria, Director of NDI. They will bear final responsibility for disciplinary action.

Penalties may include any or all of the following:

1. Loss of free time, and being escorted by NDI personnel at all times.
2. Expulsion of the dancer from the NDI Intensive
3. Barring of the dancer from attending future NDI Intensives
4. Being assessed the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage/ destruction of property.
5. Being released to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities if laws have been broken.

Of course, parents will be notified of any disciplinary action taken. If a dancer is sent home because of violation of our code of conduct or policies and procedures, fees will not be refunded, and all additional costs will be at the dancer's own expense.

**Important:** This Code of Conduct applies to all participants in the Northwest Dance Intensive. No exceptions to these rules will be granted regardless of the age of the student.

We understand and agree to abide by the terms of the NDI Code of Conduct. As a parent, I agree to accept responsibility, financial and otherwise, for my child's actions.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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