

The Estelle Dennis/Peabody Dance Training Program for Boys Attendance and Punctuality Policy

Please remember that **regular attendance is a requirement**, not only because money used to underwrite the program is being wasted every time a student is absent, but also because a student's attendance, hard work, and eventual progress demonstrates his commitment. One class a week is a minimum requirement to start with, and the program's leaders and faculty trust that the boys who were selected to be part of this special program, and who are leading the way to those boys who come after, would not want to miss class unless absolutely necessary.

1. All absences must be reported and must include the reason for the absence.

These should be submitted to the Dance Office as far in advance of the absence as possible, and they may be given by email at dance@peabody.jhu.edu (preferred), by phone at 410-234-4626, or in writing.

2. Two consecutive absences without acceptable excuses, or more than 3 absences over the 16-week period without notification or explanation, may result in a student being asked to leave the program.

3. All absences, excused OR unexcused, must be made up, preferably within three weeks of the absence, by taking an additional "make-up" class. A list of make-up class choices will be distributed after the first class.

4. Arriving on time to begin class is essential. Students arriving more than 10 minutes late may be asked to sit and observe class. The exercises are sequential, and late arrival results in the body not being warmed up for class work material.

5. Additional attendance requirements will be established for anyone who is to perform in a Peabody Dance production.