

# Discovery School

## General Information

### Musical Selections For Class & Performance

The faculty recognizes that some popular music is not appropriate dance music for children. We choose our music very carefully with the word “wholesome” in mind.

### Lost Clothes

Please, please mark your child’s name in dance shoes & clothing. So very much is left at the studio and never claimed.

### Dance Boutique

The studio sells most of what you need for class as well as dance bags, and novelties at discounted prices. Our ballet slippers are leather, split sole with stretch inserts and the elastics in place. A good value at \$22 child and \$24 adult. We also sell the tan jazz shoes used for our jazz & hip-hop classes. Gillies for Irish dance must be ordered or purchased in Portland

### Food or Drinks in the Studio Building

Please do not send snacks or drinks for your child to consume at the studio. However, students are encouraged to bring a water bottle with them. This makes it easy for students to re-hydrate during class. We work them pretty hard! **Cold bottled spring water** is available for **75¢**. Purchased before class from your teacher.

## Performances for the 2015-2016 School Year

- ◆ Each group has a special **open class** in December before Christmas break and parents may observe. See calendar for the schedule. Bring your cameras!
- ◆ “Big event” performances are at the **Historic Elsinore Theater** -- date is Saturday, May 21<sup>th</sup> 2016. Matinee at 1pm. Evening at 7pm. Only a few older classes perform at both matinee & evening times. No tickets are sold. Rather, charging a \$80 per family “performance fee” offsets the cost of staging this event. This fee is collected with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tuition payments. Matinee performers receive 12 tickets initially and Evening performers receive 10 tickets. More tickets usually are available upon request. This method of paying to produce our end-of-season performances has worked very well for the past 35 years. We hope it works for you, too. ☺

### Hair Arrangement

Must be pulled away from the face & fixed against the head. It’s impossible to learn to dance with hair flying in one’s eyes, nose & mouth. Plus, it is unsanitary. Please present a tidy appearance.

### Parking

As Discovery School has limited parking, it may be necessary to pause or park on the street when dropping off/picking up a child. Please don’t block our neighbors’ driveways. When parking in front of the 245 studio building, please park head-in if spots are available, even in front of the door. The parking lot across the street at studio building 256 is available. Overflow parking is down the side of the 256 property along Maywood Ave.

### Class visitors/observers

Studio space limits visitors sitting in class. Occasionally, visitors may observe from the hall. However, please keep in mind that when people are observing, the class becomes a performance rather than a learning session. There is a real difference in attention & behavior when people are watching. Also, observers tend to move and talk which is a tremendous distraction. For these reasons, we generally keep doors closed.

There is a small **closed circuit TV** in the entryway room for parents occasionally to view class.

#### **A note about parents waiting in the entry area:**

At times the comradeship parents enjoy visiting with each other is so loud that it interferes with class. Also, young siblings playing freely out there creates noise, confusion and mess. There are several good places to gather that are very close to the studio – Great Harvest, Starbucks, Big Town Hero, Fred Meyers Deli (there also is a play area in Fred Meyers). These all are good gathering places for parents and siblings. Thank you for understanding. 😊

### Class Arrival/Departure

Students should arrive **no more than 10 minutes** before class time. Please do not drop off students any earlier. Also, do not leave students outside the studio before the teacher arrives and opens the door! A parent/guardian must remain with a young student until the teacher is ready to have students enter the main dance room. Parents then are welcome to leave to do errands.

All students must be **picked up promptly**. While we understand that a rare emergency may arise causing a parent to be late, this excuse **does not include** being busy with some social event or shopping or simply forgetting to pick up your child.

Teachers are responsible for the children in their classes. **No other minor may be left unattended** at the studio to watch a class or “play” in the waiting room. This includes other students, relatives & friends.

*Those not able to comply should refrain from enrolling at Discovery School. 😊*

### Unacceptable Behaviors

We expect that all students will respect the rights of others and respect the studio property. If a teacher feels a student should not continue to attend class, any outstanding tuition will be refunded. The faculty at Discovery School reserve the right to limit our services.

**Studio Locations**  
**245 Salem Heights SE**  
**256 Salem Heights SE**  
**Salem, Oregon 97302**  
**503 371 9474**

**Between Liberty Rd & Commercial St . Just north of South Fred Meyers.**  
**A short walk to Starbucks,**  
**Great Harvest, & Big Town Hero**