

# Attendance Requirements

## Definitions

**Absence:** Not present in class. This is the same whether or not you have called in to let us know.

**Tardy:** More than 15 minutes late. Dancer must sit and take notes. This does not count as an absence. 4 Tardies count as one absence.

**Excused:** Only used in cases of death in the family, hospitalization or natural disaster beyond your control. These do not count as absences.

**Injured:** Dancer needs to attend and take notes during class. This does not count as an absence.

## Absences – weekly technique classes

There are 3 allowed absences for each required class for the entire season. In cases where the class meets multiple times during the week, each day is allowed 2 absences. ( example: if Susie takes Ballet 4 and Ballet 3 times per week, She can have 6 total absences for the year without having to make up any absences) Examples of events that count toward these absences are; illness, homework, school concerts, family events or personal days.

We will track and count absences only for classes that are required for the pieces that the dancer is cast in. For example, if Susie is cast only in tap piece, she must take tap and her tap absences will be counted. She also takes ballet. Her ballet absences do not count, so she does not need to make them up. These classes, however cannot count as make-up for tap. She will need to come to a tap class of another level to make up her tap absences.

Events that count as “make-ups”

1. Attending another class in the same style
2. Attending a dance performance and writing an age appropriate report
3. Taking a lower level class
4. Assisting in a lower level class – must have instructor approval – only for ages 11 and older

## Absences – PDTeam rehearsals

There are no allowed absences for these rehearsals. The following requirements must be met through the entire season.

1. All absences must be submitted in writing ASAP. If illness is the reason, and it is less than 24 hours, please call and leave a message at the Studio.
2. After 2 absences, the dancer may be asked to leave the group. This will be left to the decision of the director and the choreographer.
3. In the event of illness or injury, the dancer needs to watch the rehearsal if at all possible. Dancer should not watch or attend if he or she there is experiencing: vomiting, severe coughing/sneezing, fever over 99 degrees or severe pain. If the dancer has a known condition that is contagious, he or she should not attend.