



Kaleidoscope
2019-20
Student and Family
Studio Handbook

Where Kids Discover How Amazing They Are!

Thank you for choosing Kaleidoscope!
We hope that this handbook will help to guide you throughout the season.

This season we will be introducing tons of new and exciting events and activities. Watch for Monthly Preschool Drop In Activities, Monthly Studio Themes that will incorporate fun studio events and exciting ways for us to interact and get to know all of our KODG Families.

We are also proud to be bringing awareness to many local charities this upcoming season!

**Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.
We look forward to having a successful season with you and your family.**

A paper copy of our handbook is available upon request.

Welcome to Kaleidoscope of Dance and Gymnastics

The primary goal of our faculty is to teach life lessons and dance skills that offer children the best chance for success. Dance and Gymnastics education encompasses far more than technique. We believe the discipline of dance and gymnastics training gives young people a better understanding of commitment through learning, experiencing the spirit of teamwork, and discovering what they can accomplish through hard work. Our goal is to educate the minds, bodies, and souls of our students, teaching the skills needed for a successful life. We strive to encourage your child to be the best that he or she can be regardless of what others may achieve. No two students will progress at the same rate, even if they experience the exact same training. As a parent, you play an important role in supporting your student. We pride ourselves on a high level of communication with our families. Please help us maintain an open line of communication by reading emails and consulting the website for important information. Holiday closings, snow days, special events, performance information, etc... will always be communicated via email, in a paper handout, on the website and posted in the waiting room! Please take advantage of these opportunities to stay in touch with the wonderful things happening at your studio!

Our Mission

To provide a safe, fun and inspiring environment without judgement for children of all ages and abilities. To create confidence, self awareness, positivity and to foster a love of the arts. We strive to offer the highest quality classes with experienced professionals in the dance and gymnastics field. Kaleidoscope prides itself in making sure that our programs are age appropriate in music, movement and costuming.

Kaleidoscope of Dance and Gymnastics Team

Michelle Femino ~ Owner / Artistic Director

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2019-20 Office Hours

Monday ~ 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday ~ 9:00am - 1:00pm & 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday ~ 9:00am - 1:00pm & 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday ~ 9:00am - 1:00pm & 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Friday ~ 3:30pm - 8:00pm
Saturday ~ 9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday ~ Closed

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

At what age can my child start dance class? We offer **Dance With Me** for ages 18 months- 2 yr olds. Our Babies start the beginning of the year accompanied with a parent or guardian into class and as they build confidence parents are excused. Watch as your child becomes independent and confident as the year progresses. Recital is optional at this level. Independent dance classes begin at age 3!

At what age can my child start gymnastics class? We offer Independent Preschool Gymnastics starting at age 3. Children under 3 are encouraged to participate in our drop in Play Gym Program offered several times throughout the week.

What is the family membership fee? As well as covering insurance expenses and processing fees, members receive great discounts on Kaleidoscope summer camp, birthday parties, and special events! Look for parents night out, vacation week activities and more! **Family membership fees cover every member of your family for 1 Full Year!**

What other events can I participate in as a member of Kaleidoscope? We encourage our students to participate in all that Kaleidoscope has to offer! We hold workshops with guest teachers, one-day workshops with our own faculty, vacation programs, summer camps, performance teams, Halloween parties, movie nights, and family fun nights!

How do I pay tuition Dance Families? Your first of our standard 9-payment tuition plan is paid when you register. The remaining 8 payments are automatically charged to your credit card on file on the 1st of the month; **September through May**. If you would prefer to pay by check or cash, you may. Payment must be received prior to the 1st of the month to ensure the credit card on file is not charged. Tuition has been adjusted for holiday closings. There are no tuition adjustments for absences. Yes, some months have 3 weeks, some have 5 weeks and most have 4 weeks. Tuition is non-refundable. Dance schedule is based on 35 weeks (Sept -June) Divided into 9 equal payments.

How do I pay tuition Gymnastics Families? Your first of our standard 10-payment tuition plan is paid when you register. The remaining 9 payments are automatically charged to your credit card on file on the 1st of the month; **September through June**. If you would prefer to pay by check or cash, you may. Payment must be received prior to the 1st of the month to ensure the credit card on file is not charged. Tuition has been adjusted for holiday closings. There are no tuition adjustments for absences. Yes, some months have 3 weeks, some have 5 weeks and most have 4 weeks. Tuition is non-refundable. Gym schedule is based on 37 weeks (Sept -June) Divided into 10 equal payments

What is the online system? With our online system, accessible through our website, you can log in at any time to check class times, make changes to your contact information, register for additional classes or make a payment! You can create an account by visiting www.kodg.com. If you are a returning family please access account with the email address that we currently have on file. Please ask us if you have any questions, need to update your email or change password!

What is the class make up policy? Kaleidoscope understands that life sometimes happens and you can not always make it to class. We will do our best to schedule make-up classes due to illness, absence, or weather related closures. Please review individual dance and or gymnastics make-up policies. No refunds or credits will be given for missed classes.

What is the weather cancellation policy? Kaleidoscope generally follows the Wareham school system for weather cancellations. Please check the studio website or Facebook page for last minute weather cancellations.

Why is there a dress code? Dress code introduces a sense of discipline and unity to the classroom. Teachers can better correct alignment and choreography without clothing distractions. Without dress guidelines, class can turn into a dress up party! We are happy to offer a pro shop where you can purchase your exact dancewear or buy the perfect leotard for your dancer or gymnast! Ask the front desk for specific dress code requirements for each class.

What is a Kaleidoscope birthday party? 90 minutes of fun! We provide all set up and clean up, 1 instructors, and invitations. Parties are scheduled on Saturdays & Sundays. Members receive discounted rates! See the front desk to schedule you party today!

Can I watch class? Please enjoy the closed circuit TV class monitors in the waiting room.

Can my child's friend watch dance class? We hold annual "bring a friend" days at Kaleidoscope. See calendar for dates.

Can my child's friend watch gym class? Unfortunately, due to small class size and our leveled classes friends are not invited to take class with a gymnast. Friends are encouraged to schedule a trial class within their appropriate level for a fee starting at \$20.00 (fee will be applied to first month tuition if enrolled in classes within 7 days)

What is the policy for picking up my child? Students will not be allowed to wait outside or walk home. For the safety of your child, please inform the front desk of any change in who is picking up and plan to come inside to pick up your child. **CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY WHEN THEIR CLASS ENDS.**

How do I discontinue a program? If you know that you will not be returning for the next month, please stop by the front desk and fill out a withdrawal drop form or email a withdrawal to inform our office staff by the 15th. If written notice or email is not received by the 15th of the month you will be responsible for the following month's tuition, tuition will not be refunded. **Verbal withdrawals are not accepted.** There are no adjustments or credits given for payments already made when you un- enroll from a class. Thank you for understanding that once a tuition payment is processed – it is non-refundable. Withdrawal notices should be emailed to info@kodg.com

How do I receive studio information? All of our correspondence will go through e-mail - **make sure we have a correct, frequently monitored address and that you read them!** "Like" the Kaleidoscope of Dance and Gymnastics Facebook page. We update that page daily, post weather cancellations and run specials through Facebook only! Please check your child's bags weekly for any paper handouts. If all else fails, call the studio! We are always available to answer questions!

I missed enrolling my child in September, is it too late to enroll? Enrollment is ALWAYS ongoing in our programs! However, Dance enrollment is discouraged after January 1st due to costuming requirements for the annual recital.

General Kaleidoscope Of Dance and Gymnastics Policies

Parents/guardians must ensure that they and their child understand and abide by all studio policies.

COMPLETING A REGISTRATION WITH KALEIDOSCOPE SIGNIFIES UNDERSTANDING & ACCEPTANCE OF ALL THE FOLLOWING:

Registration Fees, Tuition, Show Fees, and Ticket Purchases are Non-Refundable

AUTOMATIC MONTHLY ENROLLMENT AND PAYMENT PROGRAM:

All of our classes will run on a monthly payment schedule for the 2019-20 season beginning on **Monday, September 9th, 2019**. Families who enroll in classes will be required to keep a credit or debit card on file and will be enrolled in an automatic credit card payment program. All active students will be automatically enrolled from one month to the next and the card on file will be automatically charged the account balance which will include tuition as well as any miscellaneous outstanding charges left on one's account. All accounts will be processed on the first of each month. Visa, Discover, Mastercard and American Express are accepted. Please make cash or check payments prior to the 1st of the month to avoid credit card processing. If your child does not participate in class during payment week, payments may be made online through the parent portal or mailed and must be received prior to the tuition due date. Payment can be mailed to KODG, 378 Marion Rd, Wareham, MA 02571.

DANCE PAYMENT POLICIES: Tuition will be due the first of each month (September – May) regardless of classes attended. Tuition is based on 35 weeks divided into 9 equal payments. Payments received after the 10th of the month will include a 10% late fee that will be added each month tuition is late. This will be strictly enforced. Accounts 15 days overdue, student will be excused from class until payment is received in full. Accounts 30 days overdue, student will be removed from the class list jeopardizing their placement in class until payment is received in full. ****FAMILIES THAT ENROLLED IN OUR AUTOPAY THE PREVIOUS YEAR WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY SIGNED UP FOR THE NEW YEAR. PLEASE FILL OUT NEW PAPERWORK FOR APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION FOR OUR PAYMENT PROGRAM.**

GYMNASTICS PAYMENT POLICIES: Tuition will be due the first of each month (September – June) regardless of classes attended. Tuition is based on 37 weeks divided into 10 equal payments. Payments received after the 10th of the month will include a 10% late fee that will be added each month tuition is late. This will be strictly enforced. Accounts 15 days overdue, student will be excused from class until payment is received in full. Accounts 30 days overdue, student will be removed from the class list jeopardizing their placement in class until payment is received in full. ****FAMILIES THAT ENROLLED IN OUR AUTOPAY THE PREVIOUS YEAR WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY SIGNED UP FOR THE NEW YEAR. PLEASE FILL OUT NEW PAPERWORK FOR APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION FOR OUR PAYMENT PROGRAM.**

General Payment Policies:

TUITION / PAYMENT AGREEMENT:

- Tuition is pro-rated for new students ONLY.
- Once enrolled in a class, you are committed for the entire month. You must submit written withdrawal by the 15th of the month to discontinue for the following month.
- No Refunds or credits will be given for missed classes.
- A \$35.00 bank fee will be charged for all returned checks and all future payments must be made in cash or credit card.
- KODG is not responsible for families splitting tuition costs. We are only capable of storing one billing contact and one credit card for automatic payments for each student.
- Refunds will be in the form of KODG credits. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Credits will expire in 1 year.
- If accounts are not up to date, students will not be permitted to attend class, or participate in any type of performance or event including competitions and gym meets. Accounts not paid by the 1st of the month can jeopardize placement in a specific class.
- Parents, legal guardians, or individuals responsible for accounts will be financially responsible for all charges due to non-payment, insufficient funds, court fees, attorney's fees, etc for all unpaid balances on accounts.

Participation in KODG Activities and Classes: A current KODG Student or Adult Waiver must be on file, filled out prior to participation for anyone participating in classes or activities. Please be sure to inform KODG of all health, disability, or other issues pertaining to your child or yourself that KODG needs to know. Students, siblings, parents, friends and others are not allowed in classrooms or gym unless participating and have a waiver on file. No adults will be allowed on equipment at any time including during participation of toddler classes.

Family Membership Fee: Non-refundable annual membership fee is \$45.00 per family. Families include siblings and children residing in the same household. Membership is charged on the anniversary month. As well as covering insurance expenses and processing fees, members receive great discounts on Kaleidoscope activities, summer camp, birthday parties, workshops and special events! Look for Family Fun Nights, Master Classes, Vacation activities and more! Most of our events have "member" fees and "non-member" fees. Family membership fees cover every member of your family and lasts for 1 full year.

Email: Email is our primary mode of communication with our families. Newsletters, general information, class reminders and account statements are sent by email. Please make certain we have an updated and accurate e-mail address that is regularly monitored at all times. Please check our website periodically. It will be your responsibility to update email information to ensure you are receiving the latest information.

Discontinuing a Program: Please be aware that there are no adjustments for tuition already paid to date. If you know that you will not be returning for the next month, please stop by the front desk and inform our office staff by completing a drop form or email your withdrawal (info@KODG.com) no later than the 15th of the month to discontinue classes for the following month. If written notice is not received before the scheduled automatic payment date, tuition will not be refunded. Verbal withdrawal will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Weather Cancellations: Kaleidoscope generally follows the Wareham school system for weather cancellations. NO SCHOOL=NO KALEIDOSCOPE CLASSES / EARLY DISMISSAL= NO AFTERNOON KALEIDOSCOPE CLASSES / DELAY START = NO MORNING CLASSES. Please check our facebook page and/or website for confirmation.

Class Make-up Due to Absence or Weather Related Closure: Kaleidoscope understands that life sometimes happens and you can not always make it to class. We will do our best to schedule make-up classes during that month in a comparable class when your child misses class due to illness, absence, or weather related closures. While we are happy to offer this makeup class policy, KODG does not guarantee a make-up class for every student absence. If your current class time has become inconvenient or you foresee numerous upcoming absences, please call the office to explore a permanent class move that works with your schedule. Please review individual dance and or gymnastics make-up policies. No refunds or credits will be given for missed classes.

Schedule: The entire center will run on the same vacation and holiday schedule. Current schedule is on the Kaleidoscope website and on the back page of this Student Handbook. Classes are NOT held during public school vacation weeks. The ONLY Monday holiday KODG is closed is Memorial Day and any Monday holiday that falls during school vacation. These weeks are worked into the entire school year schedule and tuition payment plans accordingly – no make-ups necessary.

Class Observation: Children and or Adults not participating in class should not enter the studio or gym at any time. The Kaleidoscope staff is not responsible for supervising siblings and friends of students and cannot ensure their safety. Please enjoy the closed circuit TV class monitors in the waiting room - one for every room!

Safety: We have emergency first aid available and all of our teaching staff is CPR / Red Cross Certified and CORI checked. During National Safety Week all KODG students will learn about our safety procedures as well as participate in a fire drill. Keeping your kids safe is our number 1 priority. We rely on you to notify us of any allergies, medical, and developmental issues in your child to help us teach to our best ability and keep your child safe when he/she is here with us. Please provide the front desk with any updates and action plans throughout the dance and gymnastics season. Students will not be permitted into class more than five minutes late as it becomes a safety issue.

Injuries during class and after class: Kaleidoscope and its employees are trained and focused on keeping all of our students safe from injury. Unfortunately, sometimes accidents do happen during physical activity. Kaleidoscope knows the importance of communication during such an injury. If the injury occurs during class the parent will be notified by either the director, instructor, or office staff. Kaleidoscope will also follow up and keep a detailed report of all injuries that occur. We also ask that parents and students must report all injuries occurring in and out of KODG to the coaching staff immediately. If injury occurs a child returning after injury must provide a doctor's note stating "no limitations" before resuming participation in class. The use of slings, ace bandages, tape, etc. will not be permitted in class without a note from a doctor specializing in that field.

Respect: We want every student to feel safe and respected at Kaleidoscope. We are proud to have wonderful teachers and assistants. If we feel that any student is being disrespectful in any way to another student, teacher, or parent we will consult with parents of that student and if the situation cannot be resolved, we will remove the student from class with no refund. Communication lines are always open and we ask that teachers are always approached with respect from students and parents. If you have questions about our policies, please contact the front desk. Misconduct by students in class or family members in or out of class may lead to dismissal from KODG

Waiting Room Etiquette: We are happy to provide you with a comfortable place to wait for your child during class, however, this is an educational facility and a certain degree of order must be maintained. Please keep siblings as quiet as possible. Running, horseplay, yelling or climbing on waiting room furniture will not be tolerated. For your convenience, WiFi is provided - please ask the front desk for the pass codes.

Parents Wishing to Leave During Class Time: Students must be potty trained & able to use the restroom unassisted and they must also know not to leave the building at any time, or a parent must be present during the entire class or event. **KODG is not responsible for students before or after designated class times.**

Picking Up Your Child: Parents or guardians must enter the building to pick up their child. Children will not be allowed to wait outside or walk home. For the safety of your child, please inform the front desk of any change in who is picking up your child. Make sure they plan to come inside to pick up your child. CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY WHEN THEIR CLASSES END. Please call us if you experience an unanticipated delay. Excessive delay in pickup without parental contact will result in alerting the authorities. We follow the guideline of 10 min. late -we call the primary contact, 20 min. late – we call the secondary or emergency contact, 30 min late – we must call the authorities.

Kaleidoscope Logo: The Kaleidoscope logo can not be copied or reproduced by any individual.

Other: Kaleidoscope reserves the right to cancel or combine classes with 5 or less students registered in them.

Kaleidoscope Dance Class Information

Dance Recital: Recital participation is **MANDATORY** for all dancers enrolled in our dance classes, it is a big part of the learning experience. Complete detailed information about our recitals will be available after the New Year. Information will be emailed to families as well as given out in handout form. If a student withdraws from his or her dance class prior to recital no refunds or credits will be given for payments made towards recital packages. ALL recital package items will become property of Kaleidoscope including costumes.

Recital Package: All Dancers are required to purchase our **Recital Memory Maker Package**. The Memory Maker Package includes tons of our most popular recital needs to make sure their big performance is stress free, memorable, and enjoyable for everyone! The only thing you'll need is tickets and tissues for the BIG SHOW! **The Recital Package Includes; Costume(s), Tights, Headpiece, Costume Bag & Hanger, Detailed instructions & our helpful recital handbook as well as a commemorative recital t-shirt & recital pin created especially for the performance, Recital Program shout out to help create a special keepsake, Professional Recital Digital Download & Recital Action Shots, Candy Gram with a personalized message from you to your little dancer, and a flower bouquet for you to give to your dancer!** Recital Memory Maker Packages can be paid in full or 2 equal payments that will be automatically charged November 1st & December 1st.

Recital Memory Maker Package Pricing

To be paid in full or 2 equal payments that will be automatically charged to your account on November 1st & December 1st.

Dance With Me & Preschool Dance Recital Memory Maker.....	2 payments of \$80.00.....	Total \$160.00
One Recreational Dance Class.....	2 payments of \$100.00.....	Total \$200.00
Two Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$130.00.....	Total \$260.00
Three Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$160.00.....	Total \$320.00
Four Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$190.00.....	Total \$380.00
Five Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$220.00.....	Total \$440.00
Six Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$250.00.....	Total \$500.00
Seven Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$280.00.....	Total \$560.00
Eight Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$310.00.....	Total \$620.00
Nine Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$340.00.....	Total \$680.00
Ten Recreational Dance Classes.....	2 payments of \$360.00.....	Total \$720.00

DANCE RECITALS MANDATORY DATES:

PARENT MEETING: April 2019 (time and date TBD)

STAGE REHEARSAL: May 2019 (time and date TBD)

DRESS REHEARSAL: June 2019 (time and date TBD)

ANNUAL DANCE RECITALS: June 12th & 13th (all dance students)

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS: Keith Middle School, New Bedford MA

EVERY DANCER PARTICIPATING IN RECITAL MUST HAVE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN VOLUNTEER A MINIMUM OF ONE NIGHT BACKSTAGE. BACKSTAGE PARENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY BACKSTAGE THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE SHOW WHEN VOLUNTEERING. CHILDREN NOT DANCING IN THE SHOW WILL NOT BE PERMITTED BACKSTAGE.

This year's theme & costume selection will be announced when we return from Christmas Break!

The recital offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their families and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress. A big part of dance training includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem and confidence, which can result in better in-school presentations, improved social skills, and strong college and job interview skills. The rehearsal process is a tremendous learning experience as well. It helps the children develop retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best result.

Please note that all students must participate in the stage & dress rehearsal in order to perform in the recital. There are no exceptions to this policy. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled for students at the discretion of the teacher/choreographer. Parents and students will be notified of additional rehearsals well in advance.

Each year we distribute a recital packet of information with everything parents and students need to know to make the recital experience enjoyable for all. Please keep your eyes peeled for this once we enter the new calendar year.

June Dance Recital Tickets: Dance recitals tickets will go on sale a few weeks prior to performance dates. Ticket prices will be finalized when the facility cost is confirmed. No one is admitted to the recital without a ticket. Infants and children who may have a hard time remaining seated during the entire performance should not attend. Due to fire codes, children will not be allowed to sit in laps. Recitals do have the expectation of selling out so please prepare to purchase your tickets early! Complete recital information will be given out in early spring. Tickets will be purchased through Tutu Tix an online ticketing service.

Dance Class Dress Code: All dancers are expected to be in proper dancewear for class. Dress codes introduce a sense of discipline into the classroom. As students get older, they will be comfortable in their dance clothing and teachers can better correct alignment. For your convenience the dress code for each class is available at the studio and can be ordered through our Pro Shop. Kaleidoscope's recreational dance classes are required to wear Revolution Dance Shoes. Dancers must have the correct style and color for their class. Shoes can be ordered through our proshop.

Dance Shoes: All of our dance classes are assigned a specific style number and color of Revolution Brand Dance Shoes. Dance shoes can be purchased through our Pro Shop. Shoes are ordered for each individual child and are not stocked at Kaleidoscope. Please allow 7-10 business days for delivery. Shipping charge will apply after October 31st.

Dress Code by Class

Dance With Me ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink Tights, Revolution Pink Ballet Shoes, Hair pulled back in a Ponytail or Bun.

Preschool Dance ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink Tights, Pink Ballet Shoes, White Tap Shoes, Hair pulled back.

Kinder Dance ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink Tights, Pink Ballet Shoes, White Tap Shoes, Hair pulled back.

Ballet ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink Tights, Pink Revolution Ballet Shoes, Hair pulled back in Bun.

Contemporary ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Tan or Pink Footless Tights, Revolution Sole Shields, Hair pulled back in Bun or ponytail.

Pre Pointe/Pointe ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink Tights, Pink Ballet or Pointe Shoes, Hair pulled back in Bun.

Jazz/Tap ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink or Tan Tights, Tan Revolution Jazz Shoes, Tan Revolution Tap Shoes, Hair pulled back. *****Combo Classes are Required to Purchase both Tap & Jazz Shoes**

Jazz ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink or Tan Tights, Tan Revolution Jazz Shoes, Hair pulled back in Bun or ponytail

Tap ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink or Tan Tights, Tan Revolution Tap Shoes, Hair pulled back in Bun or ponytail

Musical Theater ~ Black Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), Pink or Tan Tights, Tan Revolution Jazz Shoes, Hair pulled back in Bun or ponytail

Hip Hop ~ Any comfortable fitting clothes, Bare Feet, Hair pulled back. No hoods, jeans, or zippers. *Shoes will be purchased for Recital when costuming is determined.

Acro ~ Any Leotard (no skirts or embellishments), if wearing tights they need to be footless or convertible foot, no shoes required, Hair pulled back.

Boys ~ White t-shirt & Black sports shorts, shoes will be black revolution shoes depending on class attended.

Dancers are allowed to wear KODG Logo Dancewear in black. Dancers 8+ are allowed to wear black tight fitting shorts over leotard. Shorts must be all black including waistband. KODG black shorts with logo are acceptable

Attendance: Consistent and on-time attendance is important for confidence and skill mastery. The study of dance is a cumulative process and one lesson builds from the next. When consecutive classes are missed, it often places stress on the child to catch up and assimilate back into the class. As we near performance date, consistent attendance is expected in order to be included in the performance.

Class Makeup Policy Due to Absence or Weather Related Closure: If your child is unable to attend a regularly scheduled class due to absence or weather related closure, he or she may attend a comparable class during that month. While we are happy to offer this makeup class policy, Kaleidoscope does not guarantee a make-up class for every student absence. If your current class time has become inconvenient or you foresee numerous upcoming absences, please call the office to explore a permanent class move that works with your schedule. *****After January 31st makeup classes will no longer be honored due to each dance class learning specific choreography for their recital performance.** If weather related closures become an issue KODG will schedule makeup classes accordingly. *****No refunds or credits will be given for missed or cancelled classes*****

Every Dance Bag Should Have: All dance shoes, extra hair elastics, preschoolers should have an extra pair of tights and leotard...just in case. Dancers 3rd grade and up should have deodorant, teenage dancers should always have extra feminine products, a few Band-Aids, & plenty of water!

Class Etiquette: Arriving late is disruptive to the overall flow of the class, other students and the teacher. Students who arrive late should enter without disturbing the other dancers and quietly speak with the instructor before joining class. Students may be asked to independently warm up or may be required to sit and watch in order to prevent injury. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle into the room with them and teachers will allow water breaks as needed. Students will not be allowed to leave class to get a drink.

Special Information for Parents of Dance With Me & Preschool Students

The first few weeks of classes serve as an introductory phase to help students become comfortable with the overall dance experience, the classroom, their teacher, and their classmates. Right from the beginning we focus on your child's coordination, listening skills, musical awareness, and developing imagination. We accomplish this through age-appropriate music and song, simple stretching exercises, ballet, and tap (Preschool Dancers), and games in an environment of creativity. Preschool dance and Dance with me is about helping children learn to tap into their imaginations and express themselves creatively. Give your little dancer time, and you will soon be enjoying a personal dance recital every night at home!

Types of Dance Classes Offered

Recreational Dance Classes: Our recreational dance classes are primarily assigned by age groups and not ability to allow for all dancers regardless of experience to enjoy classes among their peers. Our recreational program focuses on being inclusive, fostering individual growth and creativity. All of our classes are taught by our highly trained professional staff that is focused on bringing out the best in every child. Our classes will encourage self confidence, health and wellbeing, and create lasting memories for all.

Kaleidoscope Recreational Performance Team: Performance Team is open to ALL dancers Age 6+. This is NOT an invitation only class. All dancers are welcome! We want to give ALL of our dancers the opportunity to get into the community and share their talents. Performance Team performs in our June recital, an average of 2 community events, 2 FUN performance events and attend 1 local Regional Dance competition with 1 performances. Performance Team monthly tuition is \$185.00 per month (Sept-June). (Tuition is for unlimited classes. Dancers are welcome to take additional class if they choose but are not required. Dancers are required to attend 1 additional class along with the performance team class.) Our Recreational Performance Team is a great opportunity for students that love to perform as well as a great stepping stone into our Company Team. If you have a dancer that may be interested in this SUPER FUN opportunity please speak to the front desk!

Kaleidoscope Company Team: Kaleidoscope Company Teams consist of dancers age 6+. Our Company team is by audition or invitation only. This program is for the serious dancer. Our Company dancers train 12 months per year and attend on average 10+ hours of classes per week. Our Company Team has been recognized for outstanding technical execution, outstanding stage presence, teamwork, entertainment, and choreography. They attend 4 Regional Dance Competitions per year and are always awarded for their high scoring routines. Our Company Team will be attending a National Dance Competition during the summer of 2020. If you have a Dancer that may be interested in learning more about our team please express your interest to the front desk. Our teaching staff will evaluate your dancer throughout the upcoming year and help you to choose the best classes to prepare you for a future with our Company Team.

Kaleidoscope Gymnastics Class Information

Dress Code: All Gymnast are required to wear a gymnastics leotard to class. Gymnastics leotards can be any style, color, or pattern that you choose. Kaleidoscope does ask that gymnasts do not wear 2 piece gym attire (no midriff). Tight fitting shorts may be worn over leotard but please no pants. Please leave all jewelry at home. No hoods, jeans, socks, buttons or zippers will be allowed. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail or bun. Boys may wear t-shirts and sports shorts.

Attendance: Consistent and on-time attendance is important for confidence and skill mastery. Gymnastics is a cumulative process and one lesson builds from the next. When consecutive classes are missed, it often places stress on the child to catch up and assimilate back into the class. Tardiness to class can lead to injury. Gymnast must warm up properly prior to using equipment. Gymnast that are more than 5 minutes late for class will be required to participate in a full warm up or may not be allowed to participate in class at the discretion of the instructor.

Class Makeup Policy Due to Absence or Weather Related Closure: If your child is unable to attend a regularly scheduled class due to absence or weather related closure, he or she may attend a comparable class during that month. While we are happy to offer this makeup class policy, Kaleidoscope does not guarantee a make-up class for every student absence. If your current class time has become inconvenient or you foresee numerous upcoming absences, please call the office to explore a permanent class move that works with your schedule. If weather related closures become an issue KODG will schedule makeup classes accordingly. ***No refunds or credits will be given for missed or cancelled classes***

Every Gymnasts Bag Should Have: Extra hair elastics, preschoolers should have an extra leotard...just in case. Gymnasts 3rd grade and up should have deodorant, teenage dancers should always have extra feminine products, a few Band-Aids, and WATER!

Class Etiquette: Arriving late is disruptive to the overall flow of the class, other students and the teacher. Students who arrive late should enter without disturbing the other gymnast and quietly speak with the instructor before joining class. Students may be asked to independently warm up or may be required to sit and watch in order to prevent injury. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle that will be left outside in the waiting room area. Teachers will allow water breaks as needed.

Evaluations: Our instructors are continuously making sure every gymnast is being appropriately challenged. If our instructors feel that your child is placed within a class that is not appropriate for the gymnast they will speak with you directly to discuss changes. Otherwise evaluations and recommendations are done twice a year. Typically the end of January and then again in June. Gymnasts will be given an evaluation form that will let them know what class is best suited for them. It is at the parents discretion for the gymnast to move to the next level if recommended.

Gym Show:

ANNUAL Gym Show: June (Dates and schedule TBD)

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS: Kaleidoscope

What is the Gym Show: Our season will end in June with our annual Gym Show. Gym Shows are scheduled the last week of the season. Classes will be assigned a "Show Time". This will be an exciting opportunity for your gymnast to show off their skills they have been working on throughout the season. Family and friends are invited to attend and welcomed into our gym to cheer on your gymnast! Admission into our Gym Show is FREE. Donations will be collected for a local charity.

Gym Show T-shirts: Each year a commemorative t-shirt is created as a keepsake for our show. T-shirt can be ordered prior to the show and worn during the show. T-shirts will go on sale in May. It is not mandatory to purchase a t-shirt.

Special Information for Parents of Preschool Students

The first few weeks of classes serve as an introductory phase to help students become comfortable with the overall gymnastics experience, the gym, their teacher, and their classmates. Right from the beginning we focus on your child's coordination, listening skills, and developing imagination. We accomplish this through age-appropriate music, simple stretching exercises, tumbling basics, and games in an environment of creativity. Preschool gymnastics is about helping children learn to tap into their imaginations and express themselves creatively while learning self awareness. Give your gymnast time, and you will soon be enjoying a personal gym show every night at home!

Types of Gymnastics Classes Offered

Recreational Gymnastics Classes: Kaleidoscope Recreational gymnastics classes typically meet once per week. Students progress from Beginner to Intermediate and then Advanced after mastering certain skills that are consistent with the USA GYMNASTICS outline. Students will be evaluated twice per year with the exception of our Tumbling class. Classes focus on mastering basic gymnastics skills in all events Floor, Beam, Bars, and Vault. Our classes also focus on self confidence, flexibility, coordination, and overall well being. Our highly trained professional instructors have many combined years working with all ages and abilities. They are focused on guiding your child to achieve their very best!

Xcel Team: Kaleidoscope Xcel Team consists of gymnast 6 - 18 years. Our Xcel gymnasts train 12 month per year and attend classes 2 days per week for 2.5 hours a day. Xcel Gymnastics is a competitive team that attends an average of 4 meets per season. Xcel Gymnastics focuses on the individual gymnasts strengths. They compete in all areas of gymnastics Floor, Beam, Bars & Vault. Xcel gymnastics is a great opportunity for young gymnasts to take their skills to the next level. If you have a gymnast interested in learning more about this program please let us know. The Xcel Team Season runs July 1st - June 30th.