

Treasure Valley Ballet Academy

Ballet Etiquette

A note on ballet etiquette from our instructors to our ballerinas and danseurs

- Instructors may refer to students by name or as ‘ladies’ and ‘gentlemen’
 - This shows that students are expected to act as well-mannered ladies and gentlemen
- Students address instructors as Miss or Mr. (e.g. Miss Anna)
 - This demonstrates courtesy towards instructors
- Students respect their instructors and fellow dancers
 - Students are ready to listen, learn combinations, receive corrections & compliments, and are also quiet and attentive when waiting for their turn
- Students raise their hand when they have a question or a comment
 - This helps maintain a calm and orderly environment where all can hear and learn
- Students acknowledge the accomplishments of their fellow dancers
 - When someone does well or tries extra hard, they tell them!
- Students present themselves as ballerinas and danseurs
 - They dress appropriately for class according to the Academy dress code
 - They properly use the dance flooring, mirrors, barres, and dance props etc.
 - Young dancers look up to upper-level students who should therefore act as positive examples at class, in the waiting areas, and during rehearsals & performances
 - Ballerinas wear their hair neatly and away from their face in a bun
- Students appreciate the opportunity to dance and learn
 - At the end of class, students participate in a reverence to say thank you to their instructors and fellow dancers – a reverence is a way of celebrating and maintaining ballet traditions of elegance and respect

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to share our love of dance with you!