**O’BRIEN CENTER OF THE ARTS**

**2017-2018 POLICIES**

WE HAVE CHANGED FROM 4- 10 WEEK SESSIONS + SUMMER TO

**3- 13** **WEEK QUARTERS ( FALL, WINTER, SPRING) + SUMMER.** THE COST HAS **NOT** CHANGED PER HOURS/WEEK, WE HAVE JUST ADDED 3 WEEKS TO EACH QUARTER.

**FALL QUARTER AUGUST 28, 2017 - DECEMBER 2, 2017**

CLOSED 9/4 Labor day

 11/20 - 11/26 Thanksgiving week

 **\* HOLIDAY GIFT NOVEMBER 10-11**

**WINTER QUARTER DECEMBER 4, 2017 - MARCH 10, 2018**

 CLOSED 12/22 - 1/7 Christmas Break

 2/20 Washington’s Birthday

**SPRING QUARTER MARCH 12, 2018 - JUNE 8, 2018**

 CLOSED 3/19 - 3/25 Spring Break

 5/28 Memorial Day

**SUMMER QUARTER** **TBA**

Class enrollment is open at anytime subject to availability and placement where requested. Each Quarter is based on 13 weeks of instruction to encourage commitment to learn technique, choreography, and to excel to best potential. Dancers are NOT required to perform in any OCOTA productions, but are encouraged to participate in many performance opportunities throughout the year, both inside and outside the studio.

**BALLET LEVELS (**See attached form for required attire**)**

**INTRO TO BALLET -** 3-4 yrs: first year

**PRE-BALLET -** 5-6 yrs

**THRESHOLD -** 6+ years: 1+ year training

**BALLET 1 -** 7+ years: 2+ years training

**BALLET 1/2 - BY PLACEMENT**

**BALLET 2 -** 8-12 years: 2+ years ballet

 2 classes a week AND + Pre-pointe

**BALLET 3 -** 9+ years: 3+ years ballet

 3 classes a week AND + Pre-pointe

**BALLET 3A -** 11+ years: 3+ years ballet

 3 classes a week AND + Beginning Pointe

**BALLET 4 - BY PLACEMENT** 12+ years: 4+ years ballet

 4 classes a week AND 2 Pointe classes

**BALLET 5 - BY PLACEMENT**

 MUST take 4 dance classes, MINIMUM 3 BALLET technique classes to take

 Pointe classes

**BALLET 6 - BY PLACEMENT**

 MUST take 5 dance classes, MINIMUM 4 BALLET technique classes to take

 pointe and variation classes.

**CONTEMPORARY, HIP HOP, BOLLYWOOD**

All Contemporary dancers MUST have previous ballet training to place into appropriate level.

Hip Hop and Bollywood are open to all ages and levels, no previous dance experience required.

**SCHOOL POLICIES**

**HAIR:** Ballet: **Must** be worn in a bun ( or pulled off the neck and face if hair is short )

 Contemporary or Hip Hop: Ponytail or pulled off the face with a

 hairband or clips

**SHOES:** Ballet: **Intro to Ballet - Ballet 2** leather single soled pink ballet

 slippers

 **Ballet 3/3A, 4, 5, 6**: Split soled canvas pink ballet slippers

 Contemporary: foot undies

 Hip Hop: tennis shoes

**NO GUM** ALLOWED IN THE STUDIO AND CLASSES

**NO** NECKLACES, DANGLING EARRINGS, OR BRACELETS

**NO** CELL PHONES IN STUDIOS

**NO DANCE SHOES WORN OUTSIDE**

All dancers **MUST** wear cover-ups over leotards and tights when outside

Students are expected to be **PROMPT** ( **at least 10-15 minutes before class begins**)

**PLEASE** notify the office each time your dancer will be **ABSENT** from class or rehearsal

ALL dancers **MUST** CHECK IN at the front desk and notify the teacher and/or the front desk of any early dismissal or alternative pick-up arrangement.

**ONLY DANCERS AGES 12+ with parental permission** may leave the premises and only when accompanied by other dancers or chaperone.