



Dear S.M.M. Magnet Dance Parents and Students,

Welcome to South Miami Middle Community School's Magnet Dance Program. My name is Mrs. Leanet Martin and I am the Dance Director. I look forward to working with all my students this 2025–2026 school year and continue growing a strong, disciplined, and enjoyable Dance Program. With your support and cooperation, we can make this a very productive and active year.

Attached is the **mandatory “Dress Code”** for the Magnet Dance Program and a list of all the classroom materials needed for dance. All the items listed will be used on a regular basis throughout the entire school year and I strongly encourage that they be purchased before the school year begins. Also, below are a few reminders to help you better prepare for the first couple of weeks of school.

- Each student must pay the *Magnet Fee* that will be assigned **AT A LATER TIME**. The amount will be shared once confirmed at the school site (usually \$80).
- Any valuable information about the dance program for the upcoming school year will be posted on **Schoology** and/or will be emailed to you. **Check often for any updates**. Please make sure to provide us with your e-mail address; this will allow us to share important information with you as the year progresses.

For 6th Graders and Any New Students to the Program (Regardless of Grade Level):

- On the first day of school (Thursday August 14th), your child **does not** have to dress out for dance class.
- On Monday, August 25th, the mandatory **dress code will go into effect for ALL dancers and all uniform items will be due**. Students not wearing the proper uniform by this day will receive a grade cut in the grade book until they come prepared. This uniform is a vital part of each student's daily preparation grade and will be accounted for everyday.
- * *The only exception to this rule is if you already purchased your uniform from the dance store but your order was not available in the store at that time. In this case, I must receive a dated receipt from the dance store confirming your purchase of the dance uniform item(s) and stating the expected arrival date of the purchased items.*

For 7th and 8th Graders (Returning Students):

- On the first day of school (Thursday August 14th), your child **does not** have to dress out for dance class.
- On Friday August 15th, we will begin dancing and each student **must wear the proper dance uniform assigned to class to receive credit**. This includes hair in a bun, correct technique shoes, tights/leggings, and leotard.

I am very excited for the opportunity to work with this year's “Center Stage” dancers and parents, and I look forward to a terrific year!

Thank you,

Mrs. Martin