

Student Teacher Agreement

BKS Dance & Aerial Program
Ballet with Kristen Samson
August, 2023

BKS Dancers and Aerialists Hello,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Student Teacher for the BKS Dance & Aerial Program!

Student Teachers are crucial members of the team at BKS. They are respected among our community as leaders, role models, and mentors. It is a pleasure for us to work alongside these dedicated Dancers / Aerialists, and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Before confirming a student teaching position at BKS, it is important to have an understanding of what the job entails. Student teaching is a significant opportunity and must be taken seriously. Please read and review the following expectations and let the Faculty know if you have any questions.

Thank you BKS Student Teachers for all the good you do! ❤️

We appreciate it,
Jacqueline Goodhue
BKS Dance & Aerial Program
Body Barre Fitness

Expectations

- Attend your assigned weekly Dance and Aerial classes to assist the BKS Instructor with running the class. The instructor will lead, and the student teacher will help in any way they can to make sure class runs smoothly. Always respect instructor authority, and work together to carry out the best possible classes.
- Safety always comes first. Limit any physical contact with students while assisting in class. Only touch a student when spotting, giving basic placement corrections, playing interactive games, or helping with shoes / hair. Inform an instructor immediately about any injuries, illness, issues, or concerns. When in doubt, ask a faculty member how to deal with a situation.
- Arrive on time, dressed in Ballet class attire, with hair pulled back into a neat bun. Wearing BKS apparel is encouraged. Any additional clothing (besides a Ballet skirt) should be left in the lobby. Student teachers are required to dance wearing the correct shoes for the class. Always look professional and appropriate.
- Student teachers are required to help with the younger students at Nutcracker, Competition, Spring Show, and any additional BKS events. This applies even if the student's class group is not participating in the particular event. The scope of assisting reaches beyond just your weekly class placement.
- Always inform the Faculty ahead of time if you will be absent or late to student teach.
- Let BKS Instructors handle any communication with parents and families. This will help keep communication clear and simple. Always be friendly and professional at the studio, but especially around the younger students and their families.

Duties Include (but are not limited to)

- Greeting students and families as they arrive, encouraging hand washing, walking the dancers into the studio with their water bottles.
- Helping tie shoes, tucking in elastics, fixing hair, etc.
- Bringing students to and from the bathroom.
- Guiding students to their spots, spreading them out so they can dance safely.
- Standing on one side of the room during across the floor, directing the students, sending them back across, keeping a safe distance between students.
- Encouraging students to participate, giving positive feedback, clapping, cheering.
- Answering questions to the best of your ability.

- Memorizing and retaining performance choreography, performing it with them.
- Comforting any nervous, upset, or shy students.
- Demonstrating all skills full out, playing every game, repeating terminology aloud, counting down, singing, participating in class completely.

Compensation

A mutually beneficial compensation plan will be arranged between the BKS Faculty and the Student / Parent. Payment will be awarded to student teachers in the form of a monthly tuition break. In some cases, compensation for the student teacher may come in the form of community service hours, internship requirements, or a work-study sign-off.

Season

The 2023 / 24 Student teaching season runs from September 11, 2023 through May 26, 2024. If you are interested in helping over the summer, please let the Faculty know once the summer schedule is posted. The BKS Faculty reserves the right to remove a student from the teaching schedule at any time. Failure to uphold the expectations from this agreement may cause a student to lose their role as a student teacher. If a student is no longer active as a student teacher, all associated benefits will be terminated.

Contract

I have reviewed this Student Teacher Agreement, and I understand the terms and conditions described to me.

Print Name:

Date: