

All About Our Teaching Assistant Program!

Teaching Assistants have an incredibly important role both in the classroom and around the studio. The Xtreme Teaching Assistant Program strives to create the next generation of teachers and leaders. To be a T.A is a big responsibility as you are expected to be a role model in and around the studio. Below are some of the expectations of a T.A:

1. Attire

You will be provided a t-shirt that should be worn at all times while assisting. This will allow you to stand out as the T.A. Leggings or shorts as well as proper dance shoes are required at all times. (If you are a T.A. for tap you are required to bring and wear tap shoes, etc for all other styles)

2. Punctuality

Please be on time for class as much as possible. If you are going to be late please inform the front desk asap. If you are going to be absent please let us know as soon as you know so a sub can be found.

3. Beginning Class

If the teacher is talking with a parent or taking care of something at the studio, assistants or interns are to begin the class. Please talk with the teacher you are working with about how this situation should be handled should it arise

4. Bathroom Breaks

Occasionally younger students need to use the bathroom. You may be asked to walk a student to the bathroom. TAs are not responsible for assisting a child in the bathroom. If a child needs assistance with pulling up their tights, holding the stall door, washing their hands, etc., please alert one of the front desk or hallway workers who will handle the situation.

5. Attitude

You are a role model. These students will be looking up to you to see how to behave and enjoy class. Please make sure you maintain a positive attitude during class. Bad attitudes will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave the program.

Be respectful of your teachers and the students.

6. Demonstrate

You are expected to demonstrate for classes. This is one of the most important parts of your job. Please be sure to be ready to demo in every class. Additionally, Teacher Assistants will need to know their classes' choreography. They will need to assist with rehearsals for our show in June. The day of the performance they will need to help line dancers up in the wings.

7. "First Aid"

Sometimes a band-aid can go a long way. You may be asked to help a student get a band-aid and make a boo boo "go away" Be sure to help but not make a huge deal out of something small. If we react in a big way - they get scared.

8. Weekly Studio Tasks

Once a week, on a day you are assisting, you will have one task to do around the studio to help XDA run more efficiently. This may be dry sweeping a studio, wiping down the barres, cleaning the mirrors, etc. Tasks will be assigned in September and reevaluated over winter break. They will be your responsibility weekly for the year.

9. Attend Bi-Monthly Meetings

Every two months we will hold a mandatory teaching assistants meeting with your T.A supervisor, Miss Madison.

Teacher Assistant Program Application Here: <https://forms.gle/CiayhKu7ivj6VTAE8>

