1. **COVID Policy**

All classes at the Ragamala Training Center will be held in person. Virtual attendance will be made available only in the case of illness or direct exposure, or if a student lives outside Minnesota.

Students and parents who have not yet provided proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required to do so prior to, or on the day of, their first class of the year.

The Ragamala Training Center does not require masks in the studio for vaccinated students and teachers. Masks will be requested but not required for all parents or others accompanying students to classes. Paper masks will be available if needed.

The Center for Performing Arts requires masks in all common spaces. Students and parents are required to wear masks in the lobby, elevators, restrooms, hallways, stairwells, etc.

Students who feel sick or have been exposed to COVID-19 will be asked to stay home and let your teacher know as soon as possible if you begin exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

2. **Tuition Policy**

The Ragamala Training Center does not prorate tuition for missed classes. (For prolonged absences, lasting 4+ weeks, please contact your instructor.)

Students who have not paid tuition will not be allowed to participate in class.

Students who are registered for one class may attend additional classes at no extra charge. (Please note that this does not apply to special enrichment classes.)

3. **Attendance Policy**

If a student is unable to attend class, the student or parent is expected to contact the teacher of the class via email or text message at least 48 hours in advance. (In case of emergency or sudden illness, please contact your teacher with as much advance notice as possible.)

The 48 hour notice policy also applies to students who are unable to attend their regular class and would like to attend a different class as a make-up.

Any student arriving more than 10 minutes late may be asked to observe class.

Except in case of emergency, students may not leave class early without prior permission from the teacher.

Parents are invited to observe class at any time. Parents may be asked to leave class if their presence is distracting to the students.

Parents are invited to take video of class and share it with other parents in the class.

4. **Food and Drink Policy**

To minimize waste, students are asked to bring reusable water bottles to class.

Please pick up after yourselves! Students and parents are asked to remove all waste from the studio and hallway before leaving class.
5. **Attire Policy**

Students are required to come to class in a practice saree OR a fitted kurta-pajama with a sash tied around the waist. Introductory students may wear a fitted top and loose pants. (Leggings, tight pants, and oversized shirts make it difficult for instructors to see corrections.)

Jeans, shorts, skirts, and dresses are not allowed in class.

Students with long hair are asked to tie it back in a pony-tail, bun, or braid.

6. **Special Enrichment and Private Classes**

Private classes are available by invitation only. Private classes for select senior students will be taught by Artistic Directors Ranee Ramaswamy and Aparna Ramaswamy.

7. **Ragamala Company Performances**

Students are required to attend all Ragamala company performances in the Twin Cities. This is an important part of the student’s dance education.

**Please note** Ragamala Training Center tuition includes two tickets to each of three company performances in 2022-23. We encourage Ragamala parents to attend along with your kids, in order that you may understand the unique style of Bharatanatyam that we are imparting to our students.

8. **Student Performances**

Senior students are expected to represent the Ragamala Training Center by performing in the community. These performances are by invitation only, and are a great opportunity for students to gain performance experience and strengthen their skills as dancers.

Intermediate and senior students may request permission to perform at community events. Any student who wishes to perform must obtain permission from their teacher at least three weeks in advance of the performance.

Students wishing to be considered for performances are required to attend special enrichment classes or private classes.