



Middle School Night Program Guidelines

These guidelines apply to all participants of the Middle School Night program and are designed to ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable experience for everyone. All guidelines are enforced by the TCH staff team. Participants, and their parent/caregivers, agree to the following program rules and guidelines:

Conduct

- Participants are expected to respect the property of The Community House.
- Participants must use appropriate language and behavior acceptable in a community setting.
- Participants may receive **one warning** for inappropriate behavior. A second incident will result in the participant's parent/caregiver being contacted for immediate pick-up.
- The Community House enforces a **zero-tolerance policy** for bullying, teasing, or disrespectful behavior toward staff, volunteers, or peers. No warnings will be issued for this behavior, and a parent/caregiver will be contacted immediately.
- If a participant's parent/caregiver is contacted for early pick-up due to behavioral issues, the participant will no longer be eligible to attend future Middle School Night Programs.
- **Cell phone use is prohibited during Middle School Night.** A device drop-off bin will be available at check-in and secured by staff in the lobby. Participants may place their phone or other devices in the bin upon arrival. Any device used during the event will be placed in the bin. Devices will be returned at the end of the event or made available if needed to contact a parent/caregiver for early pick-up.
- Participants may request permission to use their phone in the office to contact a parent/caregiver.
- **No bags of any kind are permitted.** Any backpacks or bags brought into the building will be stored in the office and returned at the end of the event.
- Participants who are absent from school on the day of the dance are not permitted to attend.
- Possession, transportation, sale, attempted sale, or consumption of alcohol, tobacco products, vaping devices, and/or controlled substances is strictly prohibited.
- TCH staff reserve the right to shut down the event if inappropriate conduct becomes pervasive.

Dress Standards

- Participants are expected to wear clothing that is clean, safe, and appropriate for the weather.
- Clothing must cover undergarments, private areas, and the midsection of the torso and include straps or sleeves.

- Clothing must allow for a full range of movement without requiring adjustment to remain appropriately covered.
- For safety and identification purposes, participants' faces must be visible. Hats, sweatshirt hoods, sunglasses, and visors may not be worn during the event.
- Clothing, head coverings, symbols, or other attire that are part of a participant's culture or religion, or required for medical purposes, are permitted.
- Clothing and accessories must be free from:
 - Descriptive language and/or images related to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, nudity, or sexual references
 - Expressions of prejudicial views that demean, harass, or intimidate an individual or group based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, or homelessness
- Accessories, devices, or objects that may cause bodily harm or personal offense are not permitted.

Fees

- The one-time program fee must be paid in full upon enrollment.
- An admission fee is required at the door for each event.
- Participants understand that all program and admission fees are non-refundable.

Communication

For questions or concerns, please contact:

The Community House Cell, call or text: 351-350-3052

Dance Program Email: Dance@communityhouse.org

Drop-Off and Dismissal Policy

A parent/caregiver must escort each participant into the building to ensure safe arrival. Once checked in, participants must remain at the event until the scheduled end time unless picked up early by a parent/caregiver at the door.

Dismissal: Doors will open at the conclusion of the event, and participants will be dismissed to the courtyard for pick-up. For safety, parents/caregivers are encouraged to enter the courtyard to retrieve their child.

Parents/caregivers should arrive **five minutes prior to dismissal** to ensure a safe and orderly pick-up. If a participant will be leaving with a friend or another approved adult, advance notice is required. Please email: dance@communityhouse.org

Program Hours

Middle School Night begins at **7:00 PM**. Participants may not arrive more than **10 minutes early**.

Admission closes promptly at **7:30 PM**.

The program ends at **8:30 PM**. Parents/caregivers must arrive on time for pick-up.

Parent Volunteers

A minimum of **six (6)** parent volunteers is required for each dance. If the minimum number of volunteers is not met, the event will be canceled. Volunteer sign-up information will be shared prior to each event.

Liability and Consent

A Liability Waiver must be completed prior to participation.

Photo Release: By registering for this program, I consent to The Community House using photos or videos of participants for promotional purposes.

Medical Consent: In the event of injury or illness, I authorize The Community House staff to obtain necessary medical treatment for my child.