

Xclaim! Performance Academy Student Policies & Procedures

Registration: Monthly re-registration fees are due in full (cash or checks – *payable to Xclaim, Inc.*) before the first class meeting of each new month to avoid suspension from class. All fees are non-refundable. *Multiple child discounts and full & partial, need-based and merit-awarded scholarships are available.*

Class and Performance Schedules: Class schedules will be based on conflicts indicated on student registration forms. Xclaim! will try to make classes available for every interested student! If we are unable to accommodate your schedule, **Xclaim!** will refund your registration fee in full. All classes will perform periodically for families and guests. In-class exhibitions will charge no fees, and public exhibitions, such as semester final performances, will charge nominal ticket fees. Five-month semesters run January–May and August–December, and shall not meet during Fall, Spring and Summer Breaks.

Attendance Policy: Classes only meet twice each week, and the fast-paced, interactive format will build on lessons from the previous session. Students are **highly encouraged to attend every class session**. If you miss, you will be left behind AND your scene or vocal duet partner will miss out on the lesson. Students are expected to arrive at classes at least 5 minutes prior to the start time and leave promptly when class ends. Excessive tardiness/absence may result in expulsion from class – with no refund.

Standards: **Xclaim! Performance Academy** students are expected to adhere to the following rules.

- *Maintain academic success.
- *Always bring PENCIL (not pen), paper, & class paperwork in a folder or binder with your name on it.
- *No sodas or energy drinks before or during class. Food/Snacks are NOT allowed during class! You may bring a bottle of water with your name on it!
- *Display **professional** behavior. All students will be required to participate in class activities. Class is not for socializing, memorizing or personal business. Respect and focus are required. Comments and participation in class must be relevant and on-task. Each student **MUST** keep up with personal belongings!
- *Learn, rehearse and perform your role to the best of your ability! Your fellow cast members are your team and they depend on you. Students will be expected to memorize, practice and prepare outside of class.
- *Practice **healthy habits**. Wash your hands frequently, eat a healthy diet, get enough sleep, proper vocal care (*next section*), NO yelling! Proper hygiene is required: bathing, anti-perspirant/deodorant, brushing teeth. Failure to observe proper hygiene will result in expulsion from class – with no refund.
- ***CELL PHONES NOT ALLOWED**. Students with cell phones **MUST** turn them OFF (*not silent*) throughout the entire class time – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Voice: **Xclaim! Performance Academy** students are expected to observe proper vocal care before class.

- *Drink a LOT of water. Stay hydrated.
- *Limit the amount of sugar you eat and soda you drink! You do not have to give them up, but keep them to a bare minimum. **NO SODAS OR SUGAR BEFORE OR DURING CLASS!**
- *Do not eat or drink DAIRY products (*including milk, cheese, ice cream*) before class!
- *No screaming or yelling – This creates the worst kind of vocal strain!

Dress Code: **Xclaim! Performance Academy** students must abide by the following code.

Clothing should allow for a free range of movement and physical activity but **MUST** adequately cover the body and not expose undergarments or midriffs. No short shorts or short skirts. **Flip-Flops, high heels and loose shoes are NOT allowed!** All lettering, artwork and slogans on clothing must be in good taste. Violation of the Dress Code may result in expulsion from class – with no refund.

Touch Disclosure

You may be touched or have to touch another student as part of direction, instruction, movement or other onstage action. Keep all contact appropriate within the needs of class and the policies of Xclaim, Inc.

Xclaim, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, inspire and recognize youth performance artists and their mentors in the South Central Kentucky region. **Xclaim!** provides positive youth development with a variety of all-inclusive, family-friendly performance arts programs. Language, conversation, dress, behavior, attitude and demeanor not conducive to a supportive, uplifting environment will NOT be tolerated! Bullying and such inappropriate behavior will result in immediate expulsion from class – with no refund.

For more information or registration, contact Xclaim! Executive Director Christopher H. Cherry
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