

# FAQ

*Here are some answers to frequently asked questions!*

## **How do I know what level of class to take?**

We look at the age and experience of your dance and will work with you to find the right fit. Every studio has their own style and technique and it's important to master before moving onto the next level.

## **How many students are needed to start a class?**

At least 6.

## **What is your observation policy?**

We want our students to learn in the best possible environment, and we want you to see their progress! We will have a closed circuit monitoring system, which will allow you to watch your child's class on a monitor in the lobby.

## **How do we receive information throughout the dance year?**

We will update the website frequently, we host our own studio App free of charge to our clients & you can also log into your own parent portal, as well as make postings to facebook and we send out a newsletter via Email. If you do not receive a welcome newsletter please let us know so we can ensure we have your address correctly. We will also be sending some information home with your student at various times throughout the year!

## **Can my 2 year old take class the Kiddazzle Class?**

We start children at age 2.5 (child must be 3 by Jan 1). Many students are ready for the loose structure of our class at this time; however, some students are not. We can usually tell within the first four weeks of class if a student is ready or not. If a child is not ready, we will work with you to explore your options, ensuring that no investment is wasted or lost.

## **Does my child need to be potty trained to attend class?**

We prefer that all students are out of diapers. We understand that some children, including but not limited to preschoolers and children with special needs, may be prone to accidents. For these students we recommend pullups. ALL students should visit the restroom before class to avoid missing any instruction during class.

## **What should be worn for class?**

All students should come to class in bodysuits with proper shoes for each class, a full description of which can be found at the front desk in our parent handbook. Dance attire is required for the safety of the student and to ensure proper dance education with minimal distraction.

## **Do you spend the entire year working on the recital dance?**

Our classes will begin working on their recital dance after the winter break. We spend a few minutes of class working on choreography until the entire dance is learned. All classes include warm-up, center work, across the floor, and combinations. The recital choreography takes the place of the other combinations. As the recital nears, a bit more time may be spent polishing

dances, but never the entire class. We want our students to learn the proper technique needed to be a dancer, not just dances.

### **Do I need to stay while my child is in class?**

We ask that parents of new students under age 8 stay in the area for the first few weeks of class, so that the child can be acclimated to the new situation. After this, parents may feel free to run errands during their child's class time. Please be mindful to return promptly for the end of your child's class, as our waiting area is unsupervised. If for some reason you know you will be late, please let us know as you drop off your child for class.

### **Can I wait while my child is in class, or do I have to leave?**

We do not allow parents to remain in class, as it is distracting to all of the students and can even affect students' behavior. You will have the opportunity to observe your child from the lobby. Students with special needs may, but are not required to, have aides in class; although we do recommend that it is a designated aide, rather than a parent or sibling.

## **What if I am late for class?**

Please make every effort to be on time. We do understand that things happen, and being late may be unavoidable. Students that are more than 10 minutes late may be asked to sit and observe for the remainder of the class. This is not a disciplinary measure—it is a policy set in place for your dancer's safety, as muscles that are not properly warmed up are prone to injury. If being late is unavoidable, please still bring your dancer to class—observing can be as educational as participation, and often gives students a different perspective. Also, please explain the late policy to your dancer to ensure that they understand that it is not a disciplinary technique.

## **Can I make up a missed class?**

Of course, come to any class at the same age level.

## **Do you take credit cards?**

Yes we do accept Visa & MasterCard. You may also pay by cash or check.

Online our system accepts payments via Paypal and stripe

## **The other studio in town advertises a less expensive tuition. Why does your tuition appear to be much higher than other area studios?**

We decided to do all-inclusive tuition. While many other studios require extra fees throughout the year for costumes, recital fees, etc., we decided to lump it all together so that you have the same payment each month. It makes budgeting that much easier! Also be sure you are comparing apples to apples. Our classes above 5 years old are all one hour in length not 45 mins.

## **Why do you have a recital?**

A big part of dance training includes learning through performance. Although, performance opportunities can help prepare some students for a possible career in dance, they also contribute to children's non-dance activities. This experience helps build self-esteem and confidence, which can result in better school presentations, improved social skills, and strong college and job interview skills. It also helps with retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end result.