

AMERICAN YOUTH DANCE THEATER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child has (or will) missed a dance class. Are there make-up classes?

Your child is welcome to participate in up to 3 make-up dance classes during the semester. Absences are not deducted from the tuition, but can be made up before the end of the semester. Classes which fall on a school holiday may also be made up. Please contact us to schedule a make-up class and refer to your child's information packet to fill out the Make-up Slip.

My child has never taken ballet. Is it too late to begin now?

Any age is a wonderful time to learn dance! Please refer to the Programs page on our website to read about each level. If you feel your child falls between levels or are still unsure about which class would be best for your child, then please call our office.

Is this the right dance school for my child? Recreational dancing or professional training?

Our dance program is designed to suit the needs of children who love to dance as a hobby as well as the professionally-oriented student. During the early years of training (ages 2-6) classes are focused on developing proper dance technique, in a motivational, fun and creative classroom atmosphere. As students get older we offer a variety of classes, some geared towards students seeking pre-professional training and others developed for students interested in continuing with dance for recreation and fitness.

My son is interested in learning dance. Do you accept boys in your program?

Yes, we do have boys in our program. The ratio of boys to girls is rarely equal in any dance class, but our instructors do their best to welcome boys into the classes and make them feel like they fit right in. Tap/Jazz and Hip Hop are often recommended for boys because they are more fast-paced, physical and relatively gender-neutral dance forms. At the present time we welcome boys into our Pre-Ballet program (ages 2-6) and guide them in further study upon completion of pre-ballet.

Which class is the right level for my child?

Class placement is typically by age and experience. Up until the age of about 6 years, beginners can join a class with children of the same age, even if other children in the class may have had previous experience. Older beginners are often advised to take one semester at a lower level to catch up with more experienced children their age. If you check on the Class Schedule pages, the appropriate ages and grades for each class are listed. If you have any questions, please contact our office.