

Placement Guidelines & Policies

Placement Guidelines:

- Classes offered to students ages 2 and up
- Students are placed in classes strictly by age from ages 2 through 5th grade
- Students are placed in classes by ability from 6th grade and up. All students from 6th grade and up will be placed at either the Company A, B, or C level. Placement is determined by skill, technique and overall dance ability. Special A/B/C & other class placement policies do apply...

Placement Policies:

- Company C - Must be 6th grade and up (must be enrolled in a ballet class if taking Pointe)
- Company B - Must be 6th grade and up (must be enrolled in a ballet class if taking Jazz &/or Pointe)
- Company A - Must be 6th grade and up (must be enrolled in a ballet class if taking Jazz &/or Pointe)
- Pointe Eligibility - Must be 6th grade and up. Must dance at the Company A, B, or C level. Must be enrolled in a ballet class.
- Placement into Company A, B, &/or C is based strictly by ability and technique, not by age. All A/B/C dancers must be 6th grade and up, however individual placement into each company is determined by technique and skill mastery. Therefore a 6th grader may dance at the Company A level just as a senior may dance at the Company C level. Dancing at the Company C level does not mean automatic progression into Company B, just as dancing at the Company B level does not mean automatic progression into Company A. Please note, a dancer may dance at Company B or C for only a year or they may dance at Company B or C for multiple years. Progression from Company C to B and B to A is based on skill, technique, and overall dance ability. Certain skills must be mastered to advance to the B and/or A level. Placement into Company A, B, &/or C is determined only by Miss Patti and Miss Lisa.
- Placement into Company A, B, &/or C is not based on friends and/or students that dancers have danced with in the past.
- If a dancer requests to dance with another dancer for individual reasons (such as wanting to dance with a friend or sibling or for car pool reasons) but both dancers are assigned to different levels, then the older/more advanced dancer will be assigned to dance at the level with the younger/less advanced dancer.
- If a child's assigned class (according to age &/or ability) doesn't fit personal scheduling needs, then that dancer will be placed one level below the assigned class level.
- Miss Patti and Miss Lisa reserve the right to split a company into 2 classes in order to meet class needs, such as dedication, maturity, class size, ability, etc... (ex: C 1 and C 2, B1 and B2, etc..).
- Miss Patti and Miss Lisa reserve the right to override certain placement policies in order to meet individual student needs and abilities.

Special Note:

- In general, children learn developmentally. An age/grade level grouping approach can be the most effective way to teach students at an age appropriate and developmentally appropriate level. The above placement procedures are simply guidelines on how we feel it is most appropriate to place students, however we do recognize the fact that these guidelines and policies may not always be the most appropriate and effective approach for dance instruction therefore a decision may be made to override these guidelines in order to place a student to best meet individual student needs and abilities while taking into account factors such as past dance experience, ability, strengths, weaknesses, etc... CDSC takes into account what is in the best interest of each student.
- These placement guidelines & policies were effective as of the 2010-2011 dance season. Please note that the grandfather clause may apply to certain students.

CLASSES OFFERED WITH PLACEMENT GUIDELINES:

PRE DANCE: ages 2-5 (see below for specific age requirements per class)

- ✧ Tots – Age 2 (2 by 12/1)
- ✧ Pre Dance I – Age 3 (3 by 12/1)
- ✧ Pre Dance II – Age 4 (4 by 12/1)
- ✧ Pre Ballet & Jazz Combo – Age 5 (5 by 12/1)
- ✧ Pre Tap – Ages 3-5 (3 by 12/1)
- ✧ Kidnastics – Ages 3-5 (3 by 12/1)
- ✧ Lil Rah Rah's – Ages 3-5 (3 by 12/1)

K-1: Kindergarten & 1st Graders

- ✧ Ballet K-1
- ✧ Jazz K-1
- ✧ Tap K-1
- ✧ Hip Hop K-1
- ✧ Cheer Dance K-1

2-3: 2nd & 3rd Graders

- ✧ Ballet 2-3
- ✧ Jazz 2-3
- ✧ Tap 2-3
- ✧ Hip Hop 2-3
- ✧ Cheer Dance 2-3

4-5: 4th & 5th Graders

- ✧ Ballet 4-5
- ✧ Jazz 4-5
- ✧ Tap 4-5
- ✧ Hip Hop 4-5
- ✧ Cheer Dance 4-5 & up (4th Grade, 5th Grade, and up)

COMPANY A/B/C: (6th Grade & up – placement into each company is based on ability not age/grade)

- ✧ Ballet (A Ballet, B Ballet, C Ballet)
- ✧ Pointe (A Pointe, B/C Pointe)
- ✧ Jazz (A Jazz, B Jazz, C Jazz)
- ✧ Tap (A/B Tap, C Tap)
- ✧ Hip Hop (A/B Hip Hop, C Hip Hop)

Tumbling: Kindergarten & up (see below for specific age requirements per class)

- ✧ Beginner Tumbling K-3 (Kindergarten to 3rd grade)
- ✧ Advanced Tumbling 4 & up (4th grade and up)