



## What Every Parent Should Know Before Choosing a Dance Studio

If most dance studios seem to have qualified, friendly teachers, experience teaching children and a big show at the end of the year, aren't they all pretty much the same? Does it really matter which place you decide to enroll? Yes. There are some things that can make a huge difference in the quality of instruction your child receives, the amount of extra work and hassles the parents must deal with and the overall enjoyment and satisfaction of being involved with a dance program. Here are some things that every parent should consider before deciding on a dance studio for their child.

### 1. What is the size of the class?

If the dance class has fewer students in it each child will receive more personalized attention, learn more and have more fun. With younger students it is easier for a teacher to maintain control over the class and make sure each student understands the concepts and instructions. Our smaller class sizes make sure that no fundamental concepts are being missed. A smaller class size also allows our teachers to ensure that students are not developing bad habits or improper technique.

### 2. What type of dance floor is used?

Dance is a physical activity that requires a lot of jumping, which can put stress on bones and joints. Most dance footwear does not provide any cushioning or support, so the shock of dance movement can place a lot of pressure on the knees and back of a dancer. The best way to prevent against potential injury is by choosing a studio with a professional sprung floor. Our studio is equipped with a professional dance floor that rests on a system of wood structure built on the regular floor.

### 3. No Minimums.

At our school we do not demand a minimum number of classes, that your child has to take weekly. This way you don't have to run between activities.

### 4. Is there a year end recital?

Many dance studios have a recital at the end of the school year, some of them can be three to four hours long. We keep our rehearsals and show as short as possible, so your child as well as your family can really enjoy the show without spending long hours in the theatre.

### 5. Friendly faculty.

Are the teachers outgoing and friendly? Do they have a positive upbeat attitude? Do they encourage instead of discourage? Do they love working with children? We choose our faculty carefully. They are professional, experienced teachers with an outgoing positive attitude.

### 6. Can I get assistance and customer service?

In many studios the teacher or the studio owner conducts classes and does the administration. By trying to do two jobs at once, the class may suffer as the teacher has to use class time for customer service issues, or the studio may have no customer service available if the teacher is in a class. To have a good experience it is important to choose a studio that can assist you with details like costumes or schedules, even if a teacher is occupied in a class. Our studio have office staff on hand, so you can get immediate assistance.

