



## MOVEMENT OKC

### FAQ

1. Will there be color coded dancewear/leotards for age levels?
  - a. No. Ballet requires a Black Leotard for all ages, and either tan or pink tights.
2. How will you level students?
  - a. For the first year, or new students to Movement, we will have a placement review prior to enrollment. After their first year, the benchmark process will determine their placement any following years. Teachers will review where each student is at near the end of each dance year. Any promotions will be communicated with parents.
3. Do you offer Pointe?
  - a. Yes, we do offer a pointe class in the fall, and pointe is something that is incorporated into our regular ballet classes the rest of the year for those students who have been identified as ready to begin pointe or are already on pointe. Any dancers new to Movement MUST be cleared for pointe prior to participating in class on pointe.
4. Do you have a Company/Competition Teams?
  - a. Yes, we competitive dance. Our Studio Companies offer competitive dance focused for each age level. Each company will learn 2-3 dances and competes in multiple competitions/conventions.
5. How is it determined if a student is ready to move up in levels?
  - a. We employ benchmark standards in our teaching. Each level/style of dance has specific benchmarks required for that level and students work towards mastering those in order to be ready to level up. This is something that is regularly reviewed with the students to allow them ownership in their development by having clear goals.
6. Do you allow 2 piece dancewear?
  - a. We encourage appropriate dancewear for each age. Only senior level dancers will be allowed to wear any type of two-piece dance costumes or practice wear that show any mid drift. All costumes in

this category must be cleared with Movement staff prior to ordering/performing to ensure it is tasteful and meets with Movement's level of appropriateness.

7. Will your studio allow sexual or vulgar type dancing?
  - a. In short, Absolutely Not. We not only encourage appropriate dancewear, but appropriate movement and song content for each age level. (Example...your 5 year old will not be dancing to a song about falling in love or being heartbroken, nor will they be shaking their booty!!)
8. Do you offer adult classes?
  - a. At this time we do have a few exclusively adult classes on our schedule that are more fitness/stretch focused. However, adults and college aged students are welcome in any of our Senior level classes.
9. Why are there only a few levels for each age group?
  - a. We typically will offer a beginning, an intermediate, and an advanced level for each style and age group. Instead of more levels, we find that dancers learn well and even excel better from watching/being challenged by and even helping their peers. It gives the younger students something to work to, and the older student's good perspective. For our initial schedule we have combined some of these levels to aid with scheduling, not knowing what enrollment numbers would look like. If we find that we have large numbers of enrollees in one area, we are prepared to break out those combined classes for that age group.