

Placement of Your Child

Dear CVDA Parent,

Please keep in mind as you read your child's recommendation sheet that each child is unique and learns at their own individual rate. Some children take a little longer to master the techniques required to advance to the next level. Your child may not be in the same class as their friends, but rest assured we have striven to make sure they are recommended for the appropriate class that will enable them to learn at their level and enjoy their dance class.

Our teachers have been observing and evaluating your children for the past several months in order to recommend them for the correct level. We've taken great care in recommending the best possible class for your child for their proper development in dance. Their suggested level is for students their age who have the same technique and experience.

The fall schedule is made to accommodate dancers who have chosen to attend multiple classes per week. All dancers are required to take the first recommended class and then may add additional classes. You may find different levels listed on your recommendation sheets. Your child is required to take the lowest level class first. The second class may be the upper level. If dropping a class in the middle of the year the upper level class will be taken away.

Once your child has moved into the Combo III class (age 6) they are able to take an additional class with the Combo III. Available to them is Combo Jazz, and Beginner Irish. Also, students who are in the Combo III class will receive a letter in September inviting them to be an Angel in our December production of the Nutcracker.

Each student must work their way through CVDA's Syllabus just like our public school scholastic system. If a child takes more than one ballet class a week that child may move more quickly than another dancer in their class. Children develop at different rates. Since a dancer needs to mature physically and intellectually to master the level they are currently in most students **will stay for at least two years in each level.** (Unlike in the school system, we do not have 12 levels of classes for the students to change each year).

Students who are going into a PB I in September, along with all other ballet students, are required to take a ballet class in the summer to participate in the Nutcracker. If your child is already on pointe they are required to take at least two ballet classes a week and pointe in the summer.

I have enclosed information on Beginning Pointe Work for you to review.

Students who are serious dancers and hope to pursue pointe classes in the future have to take at least two ballet classes a week. This helps to build the strength needed to go on pointe. We encourage young students to plan ahead if this is the direction in which they would like to go.

Please make sure you are registering in the fall for the correct level suggested. If a certain class at your level does not work for your schedule, we suggest that you try a different type of dance. This is really the only reason you will need to contact the office on level placement.

Our goal at C.V.D.A. is to provide the highest quality dance education for each child. We feel that our level system will allow us to give that to your child. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. We look forward to a great fall season! The teachers are all available by appointment for any questions you might have. These policies have been initiated with the best interest of the student in mind.

Sincerely,
Cathy Moran, Director