

# Choosing the Best Dance Classes for Your Child

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Are you confused which class is best for your child? The options seem limitless from classical ballet to modern, contemporary to jazz, hip-hop, ballroom dance and more. You know your child's interest including their personality, energy, and the type of music they enjoy listening.

Children are adaptable at a young age absorbing a great amount of information including the language of dance. Ballet dance classes are the most popular choice for young children and is the base for many of the other dance forms. Ballet classes provide skills for children which help with mental, physical, and social development. Here are some items to consider when choosing a dance class for your child:

1. Your child's age. Students start structured dance classes from 3-12 years of age, ballet is best started before 10 years of age.
2. Congratulations, you have taken the great first step by checking online about dance education. Asking other parents who send their children to classes can help you compare the classes and dance schools. Settling for the convenient location is not always the best option for your child's growth.
3. You should ask to tour the schools and observe classes. See how the students and teachers interact and what the atmosphere is at the school. This first impression can tell you how the school will treat your child and you.
4. Parents can ask how a child's progress is tracked. Do you receive written evaluations of your child's growth and development? Are in person conferences available for guidance? Students at Cleveland City Dance are promoted by milestones for each level including mental and physical abilities. Annual written evaluations are provided to parents and parents can schedule personal conferences.
5. Get to know the teachers, their qualification, their experience, and credentials- they should be available on the school's website. This will help parents understand how their children will be trained and whether children are getting proper training and enjoying their classes.
6. The teachers should have a professional approach with the school having safe sprung floors and equipment. It should be neat and clean, welcoming the entire family through the door.
7. Do they have a dress code? What are the reasons? At Cleveland City Dance uniform dance attire help students to not be distracted by one another's dance attire. Like academic school uniforms all the students are on a team, each will shine as an individual.
8. Cost is also a factor to consider when selecting classes. Quality should be a priority, and some schools do offer some scholarships.

Enjoy the adventure!

See also [How to Choose a Dance School](#)