

PROGRESSIVE DANCE FOR AGES 7-18



PREPARE DANCE WORKS



program

Ripple program students make progressive development in their chosen dance styles. Students may train in ballet, jazz, tap, musical theatre, hip hop, and MCL Swirl, where dancers explore modern, contemporary, and lyrical styles. Classes meet once per week for an hour, and it's easy to design a convenient personalized schedule based on your interests and abilities.

progression

Placement is based on age and ability. Starting at age 7, students progress through five levels of training that ripple into the next as students build skill, artistry, and confidence: Beginner, Beginner / Intermediate, Intermediate, Intermediate/Advanced, and Advanced. Older beginners (ages 9+) may start at the Beginner level, or may take a series of private catch up classes in conjunction with weekly Beginner/Intermediate level classes. As the five levels encompass ages 7-18, it is expected that students will remain in a level for more than one year as they master the skills necessary to proceed to the next level. Ripple students who want more depth and impact from their training may opt to enroll in the Immerse Program.

parental involvement

Parents are invited into the classroom at set times during the year to observe your child's progress. You are encouraged to watch class on the monitors occasionally and engage your child in conversation about what they are working on. Each week The Navigator email communicates a few details of the overall monthly objectives and movement concepts being presented; this is a great tool for discussion starters. Important dates, events, and other pertinent information are also highlighted in The Navigator. Please read it faithfully. Teachers make a point to connect with parents, though this can be tricky with back to back teaching schedules. If you would like to chat with a teacher or the CEO, please consult our Welcome Concierge and she will be happy to set up a meeting for you.

performance

Each May students perform in an enchanting stage production. Students enrolled as of 12/31 will perform the following May. Siblings and students in multiple classes may be cast in different shows. Students must attend required rehearsals in order to perform. Parents are not permitted backstage, & all audience members over 2 years old must purchase a ticket. A fabulous costume is included in your simple class fees, plus a video file of the show!