

Core Dance Classes



Preschool/Elementary Program: Ages 3 ½ – 10, Grades Pre-K – 4, Levels 1 - 4

**All students must be the required age listed on or before October 31, 2021*

This curriculum is geared toward preschool thru elementary aged students, placed in level 1-4 according to age and experience. Each class is taught by our professional adult staff, with high school interns helping in each class to meet your dancer's specific needs. Class sizes are limited. Students enrolled in this program will participate in our end of the year production "Tappin' 2022"! Please see regular tuition schedule for pricing.

- **As Ballet is the basis for all dance, we highly recommend each student take Ballet.**
- **Any student who wishes to take Jazz, must also take Ballet.**
- **Any student who wishes to take Acro, must take a dance venue as well.**
- **Classes for Level 1 Beginners are 45 minutes long. All other classes are 1 hour.**

➤ BALLET	Ages 3 1/2 & up	1 class/week	
➤ TAP	Ages 3 1/2 & up	1 class/week	
➤ HIP HOP	Ages 5 & up	1 class/week	
➤ JAZZ	Ages 5 & up	1 class/week	(Students must take Ballet to add Jazz, no exceptions)
➤ ACRO	Ages 5 & up	1 class/week	(Students must take dance to add Acro, no exceptions)
➤ BALLET TECH	Ages 5 & up	1 class/week	(Levels 3/4 only, 2 nd Ballet technique class)
➤ LEAPS & TURNS	Ages 5 & up	1 class/week	(Levels 3/4 only. Students must take Ballet & Jazz, no exceptions)



Middle & High School Program: Ages 10 & Up, Grades 5 -12, Levels 5 -10

This curriculum for ages 10 and up, is designed to train your dancer with proper dance technique in all venues. Our extensive program, with 60 plus classes, includes instruction for those who are just beginning, want a fun hobby, have chosen dance as their sport or those who have a desire to dance professionally. Each class is taught by our professional adult staff, with an assistant in each class to meet your dancer's specific needs. Class sizes are limited. All dancers participate in "Tappin' 2022"!

- **As Ballet is the basis for ALL DANCE, we highly recommend that ALL students take Ballet.**
- **Any student who wishes to take Jazz, must also take Ballet.**
- **Any student who wishes to take Acro, must take a dance venue as well.**
- **Upon registration, students will be placed in appropriate levels by staff and instructors.**

➤ BALLET	Levels 5-6	2 classes/week	
➤ BALLET	Levels 7-9/10	3 classes/week	
➤ POINTE	By Invitation Only	1 class/week	(all Pointe students must take 3 Ballet classes/week)
➤ TAP	Levels 4-10	1 class/week	
➤ JAZZ	Levels 4-10	1 class/week	(all students must take Ballet to add Jazz, no exceptions))
➤ HIP HOP	Levels 4-10	1 class/ week	

Specialty Dance Classes

Extra-curricular classes...expand your technique, grow in your ability!

The following classes are to be taken **IN ADDITION** to our premier dance core curriculum. **No exceptions.**

ACRO - DANCERS AGES 5 & UP, LEVELS 2 & UP. MUST TAKE A DANCE CLASS TO ADD ACRO, NO EXCEPTIONS 1 class/week
A class that combines dance technique with acrobatic elements. Benefits of Acro are flexibility, extension, core strength, balance, muscle control and above all discipline and concentration.

BALLET TECHNIQUE – DANCERS IN LEVEL 3 & UP. MUST TAKE REQUIRED CORE BALLET CLASSES 1 class/week
Additional Ballet class with work at the barre and center for those dancers wishing to grow and expand the very important Ballet base.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE OFFERED TO LEVEL 5 & UP ONLY:

CONTEMPORARY MUST TAKE BALLET & JAZZ 1 class/week
A style of expressive dance that combines elements of Modern, Jazz, Lyrical & Classical Ballet.

LYRICAL MUST TAKE BALLET & JAZZ 1 class/ week
Ballet based Jazz with continuous movement to interpret music and express emotion through dance.

LEAPS & TURNS MUST TAKE BALLET & JAZZ 1 class/ week
Class that focuses on perfecting technique, learning different kinds of leaps and turns including more complicated combinations across the floor.

MODERN MUST TAKE BALLET 1 class/ week
A style of free and expressive theatrical dancing not bound by the classical rules of Ballet.

STREET JAZZ MUST TAKE HIP HOP 1 class/ week
Hip Hop influenced style of Jazz with urban choreography often seen in music videos, concert tours, movies, etc.

THEATRE JAZZ MUST TAKE JAZZ 1 class/ week
Focusing on Broadway style Jazz, using similar choreography from Broadway shows, old and current productions.

BROADWAY THEATRE TAP MUST TAKE TAP 1 class/ week
Focusing on theatre performance & Broadway's musical theatre choreography using heel taps (42nd Street, Rockette style)

All class sizes are limited. The above classes will only be offered based on enrollment/registration, and on a "first come, first serve" basis.

LEVEL PLACEMENT: OBDA takes proper level placement very seriously. We offer 10 "levels" of instruction. When students start at the age of 3 and 4, they have the potential to dance at our studio for 15 years. Therefore, as we cannot offer 15 levels of dance, students will remain in the same level for 2-3 years. We cannot and do not place students by "grade" level alone.

We want all of our dancers to feel confident, secure and grow individually in their classes. Students are placed in levels by our professional faculty based on technique, ability, mastering of steps, number of years dancing and grade/age. A student will be placed in the same level for 2-3 years. As always, OBDA teaches to the highest in each level. Although we want dance to be fun, we also want your dancer challenged appropriately. Students who danced the summer session will be assessed at the end of summer and placed in the correct level. Students who have not danced in summer will be placed in the level he/she danced in for the 21-22 season.

PLEASE NOTE: To be placed in AND remain in our highest levels (9 & 10), you must maintain an 85% attendance record. If you fall below 85%, you will be moved down a level.

****No level changes will be made until November 1, giving our faculty ample time to properly re-assess students after a long summer break. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important policy.**