



# NIDC Announcement

## To our NIDC families,

At NIDC, we pride ourselves on creating the best learning environment possible for dancers of all ages, abilities, and goal sets. This is why we have decided to restructure our dance class leveling system, starting with the 2020-2021 dance season. Our beginner classes will be strictly age-based as of September 1st of that given year (similar to academic schools), and our "Level" classes (1-4) will be both age and ability based. Below, we will detail the leveling for each style of dance. Please look out for a new level placement on your dancers spring evaluation report from their teachers--these reports will indicate what "new" level they will be placed in for the upcoming season!

**Moving with my Mini-** (30 minute class) Age 18 months to 3 years of age. Parent and child combined class, great intro to dancing

**Creative Movement-** (45 minute class) Age 2-3 years. Class that eases dancers into an independent class structure.

**Dance Basics-** Age 3-4 years, must be potty trained. Independent 1 hour dance class that covers the basics of various dance styles.

**Introduction Classes-** Age 5-6 years. (Example, Intro to jazz/lyrical, Intro to ballet/tap, Intro to jazz/hip-hop) Great introductory classes that teach dancers the base terminology and technique for indicated styles of dance.

**Hip Hop (2 levels total)-** Hip hop (Age 7+, Elementary school), Advanced Hip Hop (Middle school and high school age)

**Tap (3 levels total)-** Level 1, Age 7 and up, Level 2, teacher placement, Level 3, middle school and above, plus teacher placement

**Jazz, Lyrical and Ballet\* (4 levels total);**

Level 1, Age 7-8

Level 2, Age 9 and up

Level 3, teacher placement

Level 4, middle school and above, plus teacher placement

\*Pointe Level 4 and teacher approval/potential medical release on ankle growth plate needed (demi pointe is also an option)

**Technique classes** (flexfix/turns and leaps) Must be 8 and up to enroll, no separate levels of class

**Musical theater-** Age 7 and up, no separate levels for this genre of dance

As always, please do not hesitate to ask our staff if you have questions about these new levels. We are doing this leveling restructure to best benefit our dancers, and to create classroom environments where dancers are set up to thrive, learn, and reach towards their goals even better than before!

**Warmly, Raelyn, Atlee and the NIDC Staff**