



Radiate Dance Company

Preschool & Young Dancer FAQ

Creative Movement & Combination Classes

Starting dance is exciting, and we know parents of our youngest dancers have many questions. This FAQ is designed to help make your child's first dance experience smooth and enjoyable.

What to Expect in Class

- The first weeks focus on helping your child feel comfortable with the classroom, teacher, and classmates.
- Classes emphasize coordination, listening skills, musical awareness, imagination, and creativity.
- Preschool dancers learn through age-appropriate music, stretching, ballet, tap, tumbling basics, and games.
- Creative Movement and Combination students perform one dance in the annual recital.

Separation from Parents

- It's normal for young children to cry or resist at first—this is part of learning independence.
- Before leaving, ensure your child is engaged in an activity or with a teacher.
- Avoid long goodbyes—trust that we will support your dancer.
- If needed, teachers will help with separation and comfort your child.
- Never force your child into class—if it's not the right time, we will discuss options with you.

Practice at Home

- Encourage your dancer to practice, but don't force it.
- Repetition builds confidence—make practice fun and positive.
- Joining your child in practice activities can make it enjoyable and reinforce learning.



Dress Code & Shoes

- Creative Movement: Class leotard, pink ballet shoes, black no-tie tap shoes.
- Combination: Class leotard, pink ballet shoes, black no-tie tap shoes.
- Males: Dance pants or shorts, tight fitting shirt, black slip on tap shoes, black ballet shoes.
- Hair secured away from the face.
- Please label all belongings.

Parent Tips

- Focus on what your child is doing in class, not what you're doing while they're away.
- Encourage your child without comparing them to others.
- Celebrate small successes—confidence grows step by step.
- Be patient—progress may not always show right away.

We are thrilled to partner with you in your child's first dance steps. Our goal is to provide a safe, fun, and nurturing environment where your dancer can grow in confidence and creativity.