

Dance Level Information (Updated Summer 2015)

Beginners Class- for new dancers (3 full sessions of this class are required-Fall, Winter, Spring)

Advanced Beginners Class- for dancers that have taken the required 3 sessions of beginner classes (this is an automatic move up)

Intermediate Class- for dancers that have taken 3-9 full sessions of advanced beginner classes (varies for each individual dancer- you will be contacted by teacher when your child is ready to move to this class)

Advanced Dancers Class- for dancers who have mastered the Intermediate course, have been invited by the teaching staff, and are willing to make a serious commitment to Irish dance (participate in competitions and attend class every week); **hard shoe class is required**

Hardshoes- for all Intermediate and Advanced Dancers in grades 3 and up

*Starting in the Fall of 2015 we will be following the above level criteria. Please sign your dancer up according to the level information above. Parents will be emailed if their dancer will be moving to the Intermediate or Advanced Levels.

Additional level information:

Every dancer is unique and will move through the levels at different paces. Please be sensitive to the fact that not all dancers will move to the advanced dancer level. The goal for your dancer should not be to get to the advanced dancer level, but to always dance their best and to have fun. Levels were not created for any other reason but to differentiate the dance levels of over 70 dancers.

The Irish Dance Staff promises to provide a program where all dancers are at their level while also being challenged to learn new dances. We will never hold back a dancer who is ready to move up and will also not move a dancer up who is not ready. Either scenario would not be fair to the individual dancer and the other dancers at that level.

Please note that dance levels are not based on age or grade, but on dance ability only. We understand that we all have a competitive nature and want to be on the top, but like any sport or academic activity- this is just not possible. We are asking for parents to please entrust in the Irish Dance Staff that if/when your child is ready they will be moved up accordingly. With the growth of our program the past couple years we are doing our best to provide a fair and consistently leveled program. We really appreciate your support and understanding on this matter.

