

Why Choose a Traditional Dance Studio Versus Recreational Facilities

There are many reasons you should choose a traditional dance studio over a Recreational Facility that offers dance classes. At Midwest Academy of Dance, dance is all we do. Our teachers teach only dance, they are not gymnastic instructors with a dance curriculum or high school students who have taken a dance class. If you could choose, would you rather have Trent Green or Chris Paul teach your child basketball? While Trent might know a lot about basketball, you would probably choose Chris Paul who specializes in basketball. Midwest Academy of Dance specializes in teaching dance. Our number one goal is to teach people to dance. We hire teachers who not only have strong dance and performance backgrounds, but who specialize in teaching. Not every good dancer is a good teacher. Midwest Academy of Dance requires both qualities in our teachers.



Many Recreational Facilities do not teach older students. When the child reaches 12, if he or she wants to continue dance you must find a new place to study. Here at Midwest Academy of Dance we offer training from ages 3 through adult. Your child can continue to learn all through junior high and high school. We offer a progressive curriculum that allows your child to build new skills each year.

Dancing is an art and a sport, and it requires muscle training just as if you were training to be the fastest runner on the track or the best pitcher on the ball team. It isn't something you can learn in an eight week session.

At Midwest Academy of Dance we offer 11 months of dancing each year. Skills are built safely over time.

Dance is a performance art and a dance studio will offer real performance opportunities. In order to learn dance, a child needs to perform for an audience. Twice a year, Midwest Academy of Dance offers a



chance for your child to perform on a real stage in a real theater. Many Recreational Facilities offer performances in the classroom or possibly a performance in a large gym. Our performances are in a theater. This way, children learn about theater etiquette including being quiet backstage, entering through wings, dancing in bright lights, and seeing a real audience of people they don't know. All of this is part of dance education. We also use real costumes for performance. Most recreational facilities have students perform in class uniforms or there is one costume and every class wears the same thing. While we keep our costume prices reasonable, we feel that part of the fun in dancing is wearing a beautiful costume that enhances the performance. We see students always try much harder when they are dressed for the dance.

Midwest Academy of Dance teaches classical technique in ballet, tap and jazz. Our students learn proper terminology, dance etiquette and performance skills that can take

them to the next level. We are dedicated to providing a safe, fun and positive atmosphere for your dance experience. We understand that there are many levels of dance, from the professional to the "just for fun," and we will meet all your needs. Quality instruction with an underline of respect and values is our number one priority. We encourage your dancer to be the best he or she can be. Midwest Academy of Dance is not only about dance lessons, but you also learn life lessons; respect, importance of teamwork, self-discipline, self-esteem, responsibility and independence, coordination, mobility and flexibility, sense of rhythm and passion are all learned through dance. At Midwest Academy of Dance our goal is to not only build beautiful, skilled dancers, but we want our students to grow into adults with a strong sense of responsibility, independence and success in every aspect of life.



New Classes for Summer and Fall are Now Forming Sign Up TODAY!

Visit Midwest Academy of Dance at 14 Stonegate Center, Valley Park, MO 63088. Give us a call at 636-225-8313 or visit us online at www.midwestacademyofdance.com for all class schedules and information.