



3 Questions Every Parent Should Ask Before Joining a Dance Studio

Don't most dance studio's offer the same thing? Does it really matter which dance studio you decide to choose? Yes, there are 3 main things that you should take into consideration when picking a dance studio for your child.

1. What kind of floor is used?

A sprung dance floor is the safest type of flooring for a dancer to practice on. Unfortunately, many dance classes are taught on regular hardwood floors, or make do with just the vinyl top, because a real dance floor is expensive to install and maintain. The flooring in both of our studios was designed and tested by dancers from the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and engineers to ensure great resilience and absorbency. Each 4' x 4' panel consists of 25 Santoprene rubber cushions that provide the consistent "spring" in the sprung dance floor. Unlike foam cushions some sprung floors use, our rubber cushions will last the lifetime of a studio and ensures less chance of ankle, spinal or leg injury. This enables dancers to feel more secure when training and performing.

2. How many students will be in the class?

Beginners and young children need a lot of personal attention and feedback in order to ensure that they are learning to dance correctly and safely. Our junior classes (students 4 years and younger) have a maximum of 10 students per class, and a ratio of 1:5 with an assistant present in these classes. Older classes have a maximum of 15 students per class, and many are kept smaller than this to optimize a student's learning.

3. Can I see what my child is doing in there?

It may sound odd, but many places close the studio door and parents are left to wonder - what is my child doing in there every week? A special viewing day or the end of year recital is their only chance to see how the teacher interacts with their child, or see their child's progress. We have viewing windows that allow you to see into the classrooms anytime you like from the comfort of the waiting room. The windows allow you to see for yourself that the class is fun and productive. We will often invite you into class at the end to view a combination that students have been working on. This gives students a taste of what it is like to perform before they are on stage.

For more information about our dance classes give us a call: 905-529-9885