

Are they ready for dance class?

- A teacher's guide to evaluate new students. ●

Don't give up if...

- dancer walks into the studio independently
- dancer participates when invited to join an activity
- the teacher gives the dancer a job and they do it
- dancer watches the teacher or participating children during class
- dancer takes a prop when given
- dancer cries but also participates
- dancer stops crying for a certain activity
- dancer observes other classes with excitement
- dancer talks about dance at home
- dancer dances and does class activities at home
- caregivers are supportive about working with teacher during separation process

Maybe needs a change if...

- crying on the way to dance class does not end after 3-4 weeks
- teacher has to take the dancer from caregiver's arms after 3-4 weeks
- dancer seems sleepy and irritable due to time of class (naptime, end of day)
- crying and no participation during the entire class does not end after 2-3 weeks
- dancer hits or kicks the teacher, assistant, or other students
- dancer runs for the door and tries to exit studio after 2-3 weeks
- dancer is distracting or upsetting other students in class after 2-3 weeks
- attendance is not consistent

Change could be...

- class on a different day or time of class
- a caregiver/tot class
- more time before dancer tries class again

Please Note- This information is intended as a general guide. Every child is different and should be evaluated individually.