

Welcome to Let's Dance Studio!

Let us tell you about our syllabus and award system!



During your class time at Let's Dance, your child will learn a list of specific skills designed for his/her age and experience level. Every 6 weeks we will do class testing and as dancers complete each specific skill, the instructor will record their progress.

In addition, we have designed a personal SKILL CHART for your child. You'll receive your SKILL CHART next week on neon pink paper. Post this SKILL CHART at home where you and your child can keep track of their progression. The instructor will reward your child every time he/she executes and completes a skill from the list by giving them a personal note of "congratulations" and a sticker to mark the home SKILL CHART.



TESTING, MEDALS and TROPHIES!

Once your child completes all skills listed under a certain level they are ready to test! Let's Dance Studio has an exceptional testing program that encourages learning and rewards your child for their hard work. Dancers are tested on the skills they learn in class and receive medals and trophies for passing each level. A testing ceremony is scheduled once a month, open to all ages and levels, refer to schedule below.

Once your child's instructor informs you that your child has completed a level, register at the front desk for our next scheduled testing date. Attend testing and received a medal or trophy for demonstrating the skills accurately. Medals are awarded for levels 1-3 and trophies for level 4. Each level is categorized with a gem which is placed on your medal or trophy. For example: beginners are awarded with Pearl gems; Intermediate, Sapphire; Advanced, Emeralds; Advanced 2, Rubies; Elite, Diamond; Elite 2, Platinum and Pre-Dance/Kinder-Dance, Little Gems. A complete list of rules and information regarding testing is on back.



Let's Dance Testing Schedule for 2009 (testing at studio)

Thur, Feb 12	3:45-4:45 pm	WORKSHOP TO PREPARE FOR TESTING
Fri, Feb 13	5:00-6:00 pm	Little Gems, Pearl, Sapphire
	6:00-7:00 pm	Emerald, Ruby, Diamond, Platinum
Thur, Mar 19	3:45-4:45 pm	WORKSHOP TO PREPARE FOR TESTING
Fri, Mar 20	5:00-6:00 pm	Little Gems, Pearl, Sapphire
	6:00-7:00 pm	Emerald, Ruby, Diamond, Platinum
Thur, April 16	3:45-4:45 pm	WORKSHOP TO PREPARE FOR TESTING
Fri, April 17	5:00-6:00 pm	Little Gems, Pearl, Sapphire
	6:00-7:00 pm	Emerald, Ruby, Diamond, Platinum
Thur, May 14	3:45-4:45 pm	WORKSHOP TO PREPARE FOR TESTING
Fri, May 15	5:00-6:00 pm	Little Gems, Pearl, Sapphire
	6:00-7:00 pm	Emerald, Ruby, Diamond, Platinum



LET'S DANCE CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

RULES & PROCEDURES

Let's Dance Certification Divisions and Levels:

Pre- Little Gem Division; Level 1-4 (Ages 3-5)
1st- Pearl Division; Level 1-4 (Ages 6-up)
2nd- Sapphire Division; Level 1-4 (Ages 7-up)
3rd- Emerald Division; Level 1-4 (Ages 8-up)
4th- Ruby Division; Level 1-4 (Ages 8-up)
5th- Diamond Division; Level 1-4 (Ages 10-up)
6th- Platinum Division; Level 1-4 (Ages 10-up)

Awards:

- A medal will be given for each level 1, 2 or 3 you test and pass.
- A trophy will be given for each level 4 you test and pass and you will have completed and be certified for that specific division.
- A workshop scholarship will be given when you test and pass the Platinum Level 4 Division.

Testing Procedure:

- Read the requirements for each level. Requirements for each level will always be available in the studio lobby with complete terms and definitions. When you feel you are able to execute the requirements for level 1, then plan on attending the next testing date.
- Check out the annual schedule for testing dates, which are all held at Let's Dance Studio.
- Attend your schedule testing date. Check in and pay your testing fee for each test you would like to take. Wear dance clothing, ballet or jazz shoes and hair up.
- You will be asked to perform the required skills for a judge or judges. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND SHOW SUPPORT.

- You must be able to execute each requirement 100% to receive a completion.
- An award ceremony will follow the testing. Medals and Trophies will be awarded. Photos are allowed.
- If you pass your level, you are able to work on the next level and participate on the next testing date.

How to Prepare for LDC Testing:

A hand out with a list of all requirements for each level and division is available for you to review and keep. Many of the terms will be foreign to most parents and younger students. To help your child prepare for the testing, please remember the following options

- All dance requirements are taught in regular weekly Let's Dance jazz classes.
- Parents and students are welcome to observe testing to watch other students test and get a better idea of how each requirement should be executed.
- **LDC Preparation Workshops** will be held prior to each testing. The workshop schedule is also listed on the LDC Testing Schedule. We will review all required elements for each level and give one-on-one help to students. Register at the front desk. Workshops are \$10. Parents are welcome to observe.
- Private lessons are also available. Ask Amy at the front desk for a list of qualified teachers and information.

Let's Dance Certification Rules:

- All students from Let's Dance may participate.
- There is no maximum number of levels you may test per testing.
- Ages 6-up must begin with Pearl Level 1 and complete each level after that in order.
- Ages 3-5 must begin with Little Gem Level 1 and complete each level after that in order.
- Once all four levels of a division are completed, the student will be certified for that particular division.
- You must be able to execute each requirement 100% to receive a completion.
- You may attend as many testing dates as you would like.
- You must be a student of Let's Dance and be currently enrolled in classes to test.
- You must be the required minimum age to test for each division. Refer to Division and Level list.
- Advanced or Elite level dancers ages 15-up may start with Sapphire Level 1.
- All testing fees must be paid in full before a student tests. If you do not pass, you may retest at the next scheduled testing date by bringing in your testing sheet as your receipt.
- Let's Dance Studio has the right to change the rules or add on to the requirements as the program grows through out the years.

Testing Fees:

- \$24 Testing fee for each Level 1, 2 or 3 of each division.
- \$35 Testing fee for Level 4 of each division.
- \$10 Workshop fee.

Results:

- Will be posted on the studio bulletin board.
- Will be posted online at www.letsdancestudio.com.

LET'S DANCE CERTIFICATION TESTING SCHEDULE

Friday, February 13th	5:00pm
Friday, March 20th	5:00pm
Friday, April 17th	5:00pm
Friday, May 15th	5:00pm

(Little Gems/Pearls and Sapphires begin at 5:00 and Emerald, Ruby, Diamond, Platinum will begin at 6:00)

LET'S DANCE CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 12th	3:45-4:45pm
Thursday, March 19th	3:45-4:45pm
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LET'S DANCE CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Let's Dance Certification Requirements

LITTLE GEM-1

(Pre-Dance/Kinder-Dance)

1. Skipping
2. Chasse'
3. Gallop
4. Soldier Kicks
5. Leap

LITTLE GEM-2

1. Ballet 1st Position (feet)
2. Ballet 1st Position (arms)
3. Bourree'
4. Tendu
5. Saute
6. Starburst

LITTLE GEM-3

1. Tuck Jump
2. Port De Bra
3. Chasse' 1st to 2nd Alternating Front/Back
4. Step Passe' Jump
5. Chasse' 4th to 5th

LITTLE GEM-4

1. Hitch Kick
2. Coupe'
3. Eshape'
4. Pas De Cha
5. Ballet 2nd Position (feet)
6. Ballet 2nd Position (arms)

PEARL-1

1. Chasse 2nd to 1st
2. Passe' Jumps
3. Soldier Kicks
4. Starburst
5. Tuck Jump
6. Chasse' 4th to 5th

PEARL-2

1. Side Kicks landing in 5th
2. Leap
3. Arabesque
4. Pivot Turn
5. Five Ballet Positions (arms and feet)
6. Pirouette Preparation

PEARL-3

1. Double Passe' Jumps
2. Toe Touchers
3. Chaîne
4. Tuck Jump Turns
5. Hitch Kicks
6. Leg Extension in 2nd (hold with hand)

PEARL-4

1. Stags
2. Grand Battement Combo
3. Floor Fans
4. Pique Preparation
5. Pas De Bourree'

6. Pas De Cha Jump

7. Musicality: The student must demonstrate the ability to count music.

SAPPHIRE-1

1. Chasse' Step Arabesque Jump
2. Pirouette En Dedan
3. Pirouette En Dehor
4. Grand Battement Combo Developpe'
5. Arabesque Promenade
6. Right Splits
7. Pique Turns

SAPPHIRE -2

1. Pas De Bourree, Pas De Bourree Turn
2. Chasse' En Tournant
3. Grand Battement Combo En Lair
4. Chasse', Passe' Turn en lair
5. Grand Jete'
6. Chasse' Tour Jete'

SAPPHIRE -3

1. Chasse', Step Arabesque Jump with Beat
2. Chaîne Double Attitude Jump
3. Pique Turns (Four Corners)
4. Middle Leaps
5. Pencil Turn
6. Axels

SAPPHIRE -4

1. Fan Kick
2. Left Splits
3. Kick Combo in Attitude
4. Soutenu Turn
5. Pique, Chaîne' Combo
6. Pitch Jumps
7. Stage Directions

EMERALD-1

1. Double Pirouettes En Dehor
2. Double Pirouettes En Dedan
3. Jazz Cabriole Combo
4. Arabesque Turn
5. Layouts
6. Pique Fouette

EMERALD -2

1. Coupe' Turn En Dehor
2. Middle Splits
3. Lyrical Run
4. Holding Leg in Second, Promenade
5. Exploding Stag
6. Arabesque Positions

EMERALD -3

1. Chaîne' Jete in Attitude
2. Ponche'
3. Double Pirouette En Dehor into Double En Dedan
4. Hold Leg in Second with Tilt (180 degrees)
5. Grand Jete' Developpe'
6. Fouette Jete'

EMERALD-4

1. Pirouette, Pitch Jump
2. Chaîne' Jete'
3. Double Passe' Jump with Arch
4. Double Pirouette in En Dehor, Double Coupe Turn
5. Middle Leap as You Touch Toes
6. Illusion

RUBY-1

1. Ring Jump
2. Four Fouette' Turns
3. Chaîne', Double Attitude Jete' with Layout
4. Four Turns in Second
5. Extend Leg in Second (135 Degrees)

RUBY-2

1. Hold Leg in Second, En Dedan Pirouette
2. Attitude Turn En Dedan
3. Two Illusions
4. Pirouette Pitch Jump (touching toes)
5. Triple Pirouette En Dehor

RUBY-3

1. Floats
2. Double Axel
3. Invert
4. Pirouette into Arabesque
5. Switch Leap

RUBY-4

1. Eight Fouette Turns
2. Kick Combo in Ballet Cabriole
3. Extend Leg into 180 Degree Tilt
4. Double Attitude Turn En Dedan
5. Needle (180 Degrees)

DIAMOND-1

1. Two Seconds, Two Pirouettes, Float with Leg in Attitude Second
2. Double Fan
3. Chaîne' Jete' with Attitude Derriere Layout
4. Fan kick into Illusion
5. Circle Jump
6. Extend Leg in Devant at 180 degrees (use hands)

DIAMOND-2

1. Eight Turns in Second
2. Fouette Spot Change
3. Diamond
4. Quadruple Pirouette En Dehor
5. Fouette into Illusion
6. Two Turns in 2nd, Double Pirouette, Double Attitude Turn, Double Coupe' Turn

DIAMOND-3

1. Helicopter
2. Extend Leg in 2nd Promenade for Two Turns and Float for Two Turns
3. Grand Pas De Cha Jump

4. Roll Up from Knees

5. Cabriole Jete' in Second
6. Two Consecutive Triple Turns of Your Choice

DIAMOND-4

1. En Dedan Pirouette Holding Leg in 2nd Tilt
2. Chaîne' Circle Jump En Tournant
3. Back Roll into Split and Roll Down
4. Extension in Devant
5. Double Attitude Jump with Layout
6. Double Pirouette En Dehor, Double Attitude Turn

PLATINUM-1

1. Fouette En Dedan, Fouette En Dehor Combo
2. Attitude Derriere, Attitude Devant Turn Combo
3. Three Consecutive Triple Pirouettes of Your Choice
4. Four Fouette Turns (En Dedan)
5. Front Walk Over

PLATINUM-2

1. Turns in Second with Direction
2. Switch Second
3. Three Turns in Second, Double Pirouette (as you grab foot), Double Float (extend and hold leg in 2nd)
4. Extend Leg in a Hyper Extended Tilt
5. Illusion Extend to Second Tilt
6. **Choreography:** Choreograph 6-8 sets using four steps from Diamond-3 (Upbeat Tempo)

PLATINUM-3

1. Four Fouette Turns into a Double Illusion
2. Helicopter Second
3. Twenty Fouette Turns
4. Helicopter Ring
5. Switch Ring Jump
6. **Choreography:** Choreograph a lyrical piece of 6-8 sets based on an emotion.

PLATINUM-4

1. Pirouette Battement
2. Five Pirouettes (en dehor)
3. Four Consecutive Triple Pirouettes of Your Choice
4. Twenty Turns in Second
5. Gymnastics Movement of Choice (Aerial, Flip, Hand Spring)
6. **Choreography:** Choreograph a 10-15 set routine involving four dancers under your direction. Include Ripples, Contagions, Levels, Showcasing and Musical Interpretation. You choose the music selection.