

# WHAT'S NEW?!

## Dance Examinations

Kia's FR Dance always strives to make our studio the very best and this includes introducing new programs as we continue to evolve.

This year, 2019, our newest development is the Dance/Technique Exam Program. Exams are currently set up for Ballet (including Pointe), Jazz, Tap, and Leaps & Turns.

Exams are a way for dancers to mark his/her progress in levels of dance. They are an excellent way for your dancer to understand where they are in a standard syllabus, providing them with concrete goals to work toward as well as the building blocks necessary to achieve that goal. Your dancer will develop better individual training, goal setting, respect and discipline as well as more self-confidence with specific stepping stones to improvement.

Additionally, not all dancers will be in the same level class across the board.

These Dance/Technique Exams remove a lot of the subjectivity that can appear in class as well as other dance events such as conventions or competitions.

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At FR Dance, each teacher works diligently to make sure each and every student is in the right level of technique and ability. Generally, teachers assess students in their own class and make determinations accordingly.

HOWEVER, any dancer that feels like they belong in a different level class (typically higher) may request a private exam with the teacher. Depending on the results of the exam, the student may: 1) remain in their current level, 2) move to the higher level or, with the teacher's approval, 3) he/she may take the higher level class as their "challenge" class in addition to the class in question. In this regard, dancers will perform in their "proper" class for the recital, NOT in the challenge class. There is a \$20.00 fee for each exam taken outside of class.

*Note: Dance level information for exams is available at the office.*