

# 7 Things to Look for When Choosing a Dance Studio

## 1. Friendliness of Teachers

Every child deserves to feel **welcomed, valued, and cared for** the moment they walk through the door. That starts with the teachers. The best instructors don't just teach dance—they take time to **learn every child's name**, greet them with a smile, and create a space where students feel **comfortable and confident** from the very first class.

At **24/7 Dance Studio**, our teachers are more than just instructors—they're mentors and cheerleaders. Each member of our team is specially trained to build a **positive, supportive, and encouraging environment** while educating & installing self confidence.

Because when children feel **seen, supported, and inspired**, they don't just learn to dance—they **learn to shine**.

## 2. Qualification of Teachers

The quality of your child's dance education depends on the knowledge and experience of the instructors. Great teachers have **years of training**, often starting their own dance journeys as children, and bring valuable **performance and teaching experience** to the studio. But true professionals never stop learning—they **continue growing** by attending conferences, seminars, and shows to stay current and inspired.

At **24/7 Dance Studio**, our staff has undergone **extensive training** in both studios and college programs, and many of our instructors have worked **professionally in the dance industry**. We're committed to excellence, which is why we **offer and encourage ongoing training** for our team every single year.

Want to know more about the talented people guiding your dancer?

You can explore our **instructor bios** on our website to see their impressive backgrounds and passion for teaching.

## 3. Age-Appropriateness

Children thrive when they're allowed to simply **be children**. A quality dance studio should prioritize **health, safety, technique, and creativity**—without relying on **compromising moves, revealing costumes, or mature music** with questionable lyrics. Your child deserves an environment that nurtures their love for dance while keeping their experience **wholesome and age-appropriate**.

At **24/7 Dance Studio**, we're committed to creating a safe, supportive, and positive space for every dancer. Our **seven annual recitals** include **three designed exclusively for young children**, giving them the chance to shine in a way that's fun, **age-appropriate**, and developmentally suitable. We carefully choose **clean, kid-friendly music**, provide **tasteful and comfortable costumes**, and follow a **structured syllabus** that ensures students learn movements tailored to their stage of growth.

## 4. Safety

As with any physical activity, there is always a small risk of injury. A quality dance studio takes steps to **reduce these risks** and create a safe environment for every dancer. One of the most important factors is the flooring. Dancing on concrete can send shock through the ankles and knees, increasing the chance of injury. That's why reputable studios invest in **sprung floors**, which provide cushioning, and cover them with a special vinyl surface called **"marley"** to offer proper traction and support.

At **24/7 Dance Studio**, we go above and beyond to prioritize dancer safety. We have **five beautiful studios**—three with professional marley flooring and two with **floating wood floors** designed to absorb impact and protect joints. If a child is ever injured, **parents are contacted right away**, and our staff follows up the next day to check in. For added peace of mind, **all of our staff members are CPR and First Aid certified** and have undergone **comprehensive background checks**. 24/7 also offers Spot Tv, free of charge so you can watch your child's class at all times from wherever you are.

## 5. Class Placement

Being placed in the **right class** is essential for your child's growth and success as a dancer. Children should be in a class where they are **challenged to improve** and **learn new skills** without feeling overwhelmed. In many cases, this means that students are placed based on **experience and ability** rather than age alone. This approach also provides an opportunity for dancers to **make friends across different ages** while still receiving the instruction that best suits their individual needs.

Occasionally, a teacher may recommend moving a student to a different class if they feel it would be a **better fit**. This is always done thoughtfully, with the goal of giving your child the **best possible dance experience** and ensuring they are set up for success.

At **24/7 Dance Studio**, we follow a **carefully designed syllabus** for each dance genre and age group to ensure consistency and progression. Students and their families receive **mid-year progress reports** as well as **end-of-year evaluations**, highlighting the techniques they have mastered and the skills they are still developing. On average, **most students remain in the same level for two years** before moving up to the next level.

## 6. Class Size

Class size plays an important role in your child's dance experience. Overcrowded classes can make it difficult for dancers to **move freely**, **focus on technique**, and **receive personal attention**. Students should have **enough space** to stretch and dance comfortably without worrying about bumping into one another. Additionally, smaller class sizes allow teachers to **spend more time with each student** and provide the individual feedback they need to grow.

At **24/7 Dance Studio**, we carefully determine class sizes based on **student age** and the **size of each studio**. This thoughtful approach ensures your child gets the **maximum benefit** from their classes, balancing both **group learning** and **personal instruction**. For larger classes, the studio provides two teachers.

## 7. The Overall Feeling

The atmosphere of a dance studio plays a big role in your child's experience. Are the students and parents happy? Is the staff welcoming and supportive? Is the studio clean, safe, and well cared for? These are all important signs that you've found the **right place** for your dancer to learn and grow.

At **24/7 Dance Studio**, we pride ourselves on being more than just a studio — we're a **dance family**. Our families consistently share positive testimonials that reflect the supportive, encouraging environment we've built. We maintain a **clean, well-kept facility**, offer **high-tech benefits** to enhance the learning experience, and are proud to provide **over \$11,000 in scholarships** each year. In addition, we offer **special programs** designed to foster **good character, respect, bully awareness, and positive reinforcement**.

We are honored that so many families choose to grow with us and become a valued part of our **24/7 Dance Studio community**.

*We're proud to share that 24/7 Dance Studio has been voted "Best of the Best" for 10 years in a row — a reflection of the supportive community, passionate instructors, and positive environment we've built. We would be honored to have you join our dance family and become part of the tradition of excellence we strive to uphold every day.*