



INDIVIDUAL FOCUS & SMALL CLASS SIZES

Helping each individual student reach their own potential is fundamental to our mission. To enable instructors to give personal attention to all students, we purposely limit class sizes to 12 for our Tiny Dancer classes, 14 for our Mini, Junior and Teen classes and 16 for our Advanced classes.



AGE APPROPRIATE MUSIC & MOVEMENT

We commit to keeping our music, costuming and dance movements age and developmentally appropriate for kids and families. We screen music lyrics to ensure appropriateness and commit to creating an environment that allows kids to be kids!



WE BUILD LIFE SKILLS

We believe that dance training is LIFE training! Participating in dance class builds confidence, discipline, respect, teamwork, socialization skills, and so much more. With kids receiving so many negative messages from the world, the space at MDM is cultivated to be a safe space for kids to learn, make mistakes, overcome obstacles, and learn to THRIVE in LIFE!



PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTORS

All of our instructors are college educated and have earned either a degree in dance or have extensive dance training. MDM provides ongoing professional development and curriculum training to all of our instructors on a bi-annual basis. We only hire instructors who we would trust with our own children.



NETWORK OF MASTER INSTRUCTORS

We have established relationships with many well known industry Master instructors and choreographers who regularly come to MDM to expand the training opportunities for our preprofessional and serious dancers. We are committed to offering Master training opportunities that are otherwise not available in the Midwest.



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

We are proud to have several instructors certified in the Acrobatic Arts™ curriculum and all of our ballet teachers certified in Progressing Ballet Technique™. We continuously look for professional programming and certifications that will enhance our current curriculum and that will assist our instructors in expanding and honing their knowledge base.



TECHNIQUE FOCUSED CURRICULUM

We have an established curriculum that focuses on proper technique for all of our core dance disciplines. Using a well developed curriculum allows us to create consistency among instructors as well as ensure dancers are building a strong foundation of technique.



GROWTH MINDSET

We are proud to use a "Growth Mindset" approach to providing feedback and instruction. It is easy for dancers to want to achieve perfection, but it is our greatest desire to help them learn to embrace mistakes as part of the learning process so that they can mentally thrive... not only in their dance pursuits, but in their life pursuits as well.



INDIVIDUAL FEEDBACK

We know that it is important for students and parents to receive personalized feedback regarding their individual progress. We are proud to offer bi-annual written student progress reports in each of our core dance disciplines. These progress reports are completed at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters and are designed to help each student reach their own potential!