



Select level CLASSES AT RSDS



SELECT level classes are teacher approved dance classes designed for the more focused dancer. These classes will have a higher level of expectation placed on the dancer and parent in areas such as attendance, technique, flexibility, skills, memorization, execution of choreography, and stage showmanship. These classes focus more on achieving new skills and gaining a stronger technical foundation; offering the more driven dancer an opportunity to grow and expand their dancing. **SELECT** level classes are offered to both recreational and competitive dancers, but teacher permission is required for all placements.

What characteristics does a **SELECT** level dancer need to have:

- Consistent class attendance
- Strong class etiquette and work ethic
- Motivation and determination for self-improvement
- Consistent at home stretching and practicing
- Ability to accept a correction and apply teacher critiques for technical improvement
- Parent involvement and support with dance training and teacher/student relationship

How do I get my dancer into a **SELECT** level class?

- If you are a current dancer at RSDS, you will receive a class placement card in the spring for the recommended summer/fall classes.
- If you are not placed in a **SELECT** level class, you can send an email to ask what areas need improvement to work towards the class.
- If you are new to RSDS, a drop-in (trial) class option is available in summer and fall to see how your dancer works in class and what skill level they are currently at.
- Teacher recommendations for a **SELECT** level class does not mean you have to enroll in the class.
- **SELECT** level dancers who do not uphold the work ethic (in class and at home) or have behavioral or attendance issues, will not be able to continue in the **SELECT** level classes.



Frequently Asked Questions

How many years does a dancer need to dance until they are chosen to be in a **SELECT** level class?



A dancer must have at least one year of dance experience, but then there is no required number of years after first year. Not all dancers will move to a **SELECT** level class just because they have danced multiple years. Many dancers enjoy dancing as a fun hobby that offers exercise and friend time. Not all dancers want the higher level of expectation that is placed on **SELECT** level classes. It is great to love dance and be with friends and RSDS is proud to offer dancers a variety of different instructors and class environments to suit all levels of commitment and dedication to dance.

Can a dancer improve their skills and technique, dedication, and work ethic to move to a **SELECT** level class?



Yes, all dancers have self-motivation and opportunity to improve and change their work habits to earn a place in a **SELECT** level class. But the teacher needs to see the consistent growth of the dancer in the classroom, over time, to move a dancer to a **SELECT** level class. Communication with instructor about progress of dancer is highly encouraged.

Is Competition Team Required to be in a **SELECT** level class?



No. RSDS class levels are designed for dancers in similar skill and technique levels, as well as common work ethic practices. Class level requirements are the same for all dancers in **SELECT** level classes, recreational and competitive. Recreational dancers do have to maintain the same skill, technique, and performance level as the competitive dancers to be in same level class though.

