

MSC Preteen Level 2 Advancement Requirements

Preteen Level 2 classes will move more quickly through base level skills to introduce more difficult concepts. Since the focus will be on applying basics to new skills, we will test the following skills in order to determine whether or not a student is ready to advance to level 2. Some basics not covered on this assessment will also be considered, since these older students should move through some very basic steps quickly.

As a reminder, if your student does not advance, that does not mean they are not learning and getting better all the time. Dance students will not advance in the same way as other programs at MSC due to the nature of our department. Also, please note that if your student passes for advancement but cannot attend the level 2 class, level 1 classes can easily be modified to continue to challenge your student.

Ballet

- Right, Left, and Straddle splits prep (within 6 in)
- Degage en croix (both feet)
- Ron de jamb (both ways, both feet)
- Battement (all 3 directions)
- Developpe
- Bourree
- Pique Turn
- Glissade
- Soutenu
- Changement
- Assemble
- Single Pirouette (R +L)
- Chasse Switch
- Grand Jete
- Chaine with spotting

Jazz

- Right, Left, and Straddle splits prep (within 6 in)
- Isolations (head, shoulders, ribs, hips)
- Single Pirouette (R + L)
- Battement (All 3 directions)
- Chaine with spotting
- Chasse Switch
- Grand Jete
- 6-step
- Fan kick
- Hitch Kick
- Pencil Turn
- Soutenu
- Axel
- Pony
- Assemble

BEHAVIORAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are some less easily quantifiable skills that are also important for dancers. Higher level classes will have higher standards for behavior and focus, which means that we will also be taking the following into account for advancement:

- Ability to follow directions
- Focus level
- Work Ethic
- Investment in remembering and practicing