



# RACHEL D'S DANCE STUDIO

## *“Green” and “Purple” Level Descriptions:*

\*\*Please note – The most important consideration when determining a class is what is best for your individual dancer. While age is a starting point, other factors are FAR more important. Once in the studio, age is irrelevant. As instructors and coaches, we teach the class to a given “level,” regardless of the variety of ages that are most likely present. Please do not compare your child to anyone else’s. What may be best for their individual learning and growing needs, may be far different than what is best for your child, despite them being the same age. In addition, just as in other sports, some kids spend more time dancing and/or practicing, or are simply in need of further challenge. This implies nothing “negative” about your child. One child’s needs reflect only on that individual dancer, and are irrelevant when looking at what is best for other dancers of the same age, or in the same class. Just as in volleyball, basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, music, math, or English, all children have different gifts, talents, and passions unique to themselves. In some cases, what is best for a given child, a dancer in this case, might be “moving them up,” or “putting them in an enrichment class.” As coaches, we will use our professional knowledge and experience to place all dancers in the class best suited for their individual dance needs, as well as their social needs, and comfort levels.

### *“Green” Classes:*

These classes will be slightly less intense, still at an age appropriate level, and will spend more time breaking down the fundamentals, as well as the choreography. As you go up in number, they become more advanced, leading up to the most advanced level offered, which is Purple. They will most likely have the younger, or less experienced, dancers within a given age range. While the students in all classes will still be exposed to most of the same skills, there will be more time devoted to basic skills, and will be used in a more introductory manner. Choreography will be introduced in a manner that is broken down into smaller pieces, slower paced, and more repetitively than in purple classes. The expectations with regards to memorization, skill execution, and musicality will simply increase as you build towards the purple level class.

### *“Purple” Classes:*

Purple classes will be at the highest level of instruction in the given style of dance. The dancers in these classes will typically be those who dance at least 2 hours per week and enjoy being pushed and challenged. Purple level classes will have higher expectations regarding technique, memorization, coming to class prepared, and outside practice. More challenging skills will be introduced and performed in our year end shows, or throughout the competitions in the spring. The class itself will move more quickly through choreography; and, will also have a higher expectation of “paying attention” in class, and applying corrections and coaching. In addition, dancers are expected to have strong attendance, and come to classes prepared to work hard and knowing their choreography. For those looking to compete, the purple level classes would be good preparation and reinforcement for those classes and goals.