



## Bravo Program 2016-2017

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Our goal at Encore Dance Center is to educate the minds, as well as the bodies, of our students, and to teach them the skills needed for a successful life, whether or not they stay involved in dance.

We believe in teaching strong technique based dance classes that will joyfully energize and inspire students of all ages. It is important to us that during each and every class, students not only learn how to dance, but that they also have fun. Dance is about teaching students more than just dance. Dance instills in its students commitment, dedication, integrity, courtesy, and perseverance.

That being said, there are some students who possess both the natural ability and passion for dance. That is not to say that there is something wrong with all of our other students. They simply may not have found their passion or perhaps they have and it is not dance. But for those few students who have found the passion for dance, our Bravo Program offers them a more intense program to best prepare them for their future.

Due to the nature of this program, it is offered by invitation only. Dancers are observed in their regular classes and evaluated by both their teachers and the director. If we feel they are ready, we offer them a place in the Bravo Program. It is then up to them whether they desire to make that commitment, or stay in their regular classes with their friends. We respect and support whatever decision the student makes.

Not all of our Bravo students will dance professionally. Some may go into the dance field to be dance teachers, dance therapists, or dance writers. Many will decide to pursue careers in completely different fields entirely. Bravo will show them a level of commitment and teach them a universal skill set that will help them with all of their future endeavors. This program nurtures their dance passion, offers them opportunities, and teaches them skills that will help them be successful in whatever field they choose.

## Expectations

A student's acceptance into our Bravo Program is based on many factors, some of which are listed below. In order to continue in the program, students must maintain and continue to meet the expectations. Students who do not will be moved out of Bravo and back into regular Encore classes. This move is not a demotion, but is a transfer to classes that have the same focus as the student.

**Technique:** Students must be a set technique level to qualify for the Bravo Program.

**Attitude:** Students must be positive. Negative attitudes will not be tolerated, towards either teachers or other students.

**Maturity:** Bravo students demonstrate an above average maturity for their age. They are responsible and hard working.

**Energy:** Bravo students are excited about dance and classes. They enjoy dancing and this excitement shows through everything they do.

**Improvement:** Students must show improvement during the program. Students are expected to work hard during the classes and practice. During classes, students will be corrected and Bravo students understand that it is through corrections that they will improve quickly.

**Attendance:** In order to maintain strong technique and great improvement, excellent attendance is required. Students cannot have excessive absences.

## Tuition Fees

Tuition Fees for Bravo Program are based on Encore's Total Student Plan. Under the Total Student Plan, each student can take up to five classes at \$1000.00 per session. For full information on our Tuition Plans and registration policies, please see the website or our office.

## Class Schedule

### Bravo Program

#### Division I

Tuesday	5:15-6:15 6:15-7:15	Ballet Hip Hop
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Thursday	5:15-6:15	Jazz
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#### Division II

Tuesday	6:15-7:15 7:15-8:15	Turns/Jumps Hip Hop
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Thursday	6:15-7:15 7:15-8:15	Jazz Ballet
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#### Division III

Monday	7:15-8:30 8:30-9:15	Ballet Pointe
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Tuesday	8:15-9:15	Contemporary
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Wednesday	6:15-7:15 7:15-8:15	Jazz Hip Hop
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