



Dear Parents,

SHOULD YOU CONSIDER EXAMINATIONS FOR YOUR CHILD?

The Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing (C.S.T.D) is a highly reputed dance organization with members worldwide. We are leaders in the field of dance education and provide an exciting, vibrant, professional and educational environment for dance studios.

Examinations with C.S.T.D have a wonderful reputation for being an exciting and rewarding experience for students. Examinations are conducted in a group situation and the Examiner is professional, encouraging and friendly.

We find that children who participate in examinations each year gain confidence and learn important life skills such as learning to concentrate in an examination environment which assists with their school examinations and other similar situations. Participating in examinations also gives them a goal to work towards and an opportunity to receive an independent assessment of how they are progressing technically. Ultimately, the higher levels can lead to examinations for Teaching Diplomas.

Students enter the examination room in a relaxed yet disciplined manner in partners or small groups depending on the levels.

In the junior grades, exercises are seen altogether as a group or in pairs or line by line (with the exception of tap) and dances are seen individually in most cases. Examinations can commence at age 4 depending on the individual's ability. C.S.T.D offers minimum and then recommended age requirements for examination levels. At Ambiance Dance we follow C.S.T.D. recommendations and view the listed recommended ages as the ideal age for the regular student to take the exam. This takes into account the strength and maturity of the average student's body & its ability to cope with the required syllabus work of that level. Minimum ages are listed mainly for the extremely talented young student who participates in at least 4-5 classes per week. This student should be ready to produce the required syllabus work at a high level of competency & should not be restricted from progressing to a higher level. Teachers whom currently enter the average student at the minimum listed age are doing a great disservice to their students by not allowing them to gain the strength & maturity which would sustain them in higher levels of dance.

C.S.T.D prides itself on keeping examination fees to a realistic and affordable level with families in mind. On passing the examination, students receive an examination report/certificate and a medal from C.S.T.D

We would like to encourage you to allow your child to join the growing number of students who **learn, perform and excel** within the C.S.T.D system of training.

Yours sincerely,

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Theatrical Full Teachers Diploma

Classical Teachers Certificate

Tap Teachers Certificate