

Young Dancers in Repertory's

Eight Guiding Principles of Youth Dance Mastery Based on "Features of Positive Youth Development Settings"

- Principle 1:** To provide a safe, nurturing environment where children can express themselves through the art of dance. *(Physical and Psychological Safety)*
- Principle 2:** To provide guidelines and expectations that ensure students reach their highest potential in artistry and skill. *(Appropriate Structure)*
- Principle 3:** To foster a culture of mutual trust, respect and caring between dance educators and students. *(Supportive Relationships)*
- Principle 4:** To provide opportunities for meaningful inclusion regardless of socio-economic status, cultural background or aptitude in dance. *(Opportunities to Belong)*
- Principle 5:** To create a culture where students, parents and educators embrace respect, hard work, responsibility and accountability in achieving artistic goals. *(Positive Social Norms)*
- Principle 6:** To provide appropriate challenges that sparks inner artistry and increases a desire for excellence and advancement in the art of dance. *(Support for Efficacy and Mattering)*
- Principle 7:** To ensure every student has the opportunity to set and achieve goals, master an art form, and employ the necessary tools that embrace the instrument of the body. *(Opportunities for Skill Building)*
- Principle 8:** To ensure students feel they play a contributing role within their schools, families and communities as a result of participation in YDR's programming. *(Integration of Family, School and Community Efforts)*