

I Love To Dance (now)!

I first took dance classes at the Park District. But, my last ballet teacher turned out to be kind of intense and pushed us too much - sometimes he even made us cry. So, I decided that I didn't want to dance anymore.

Then, my friends told me about DeMaira and I tried it out one day. Wow -- this changed everything! Ms. Colleen was so nice and encouraging. And, the dance studio is so close to my house! I love it!

And now, when I dance I feel free - like a bird soaring high in the sky. I can forget everything else as I drift across the floor or tap, tap, tap.

At DeMaira I have fun, make new friends and learn new dance techniques. I especially like jazz and tap dance. Taking dance class is beneficial to me because I can learn more about something I like to do and it is good exercise. (Most of the time, I enjoy reading books.) Dance helps me to try something new.

The best part is that I can overcome my fear of being shy when I am dancing. I have found that I love being on stage and performing in front of an audience. It has opened new doors for me.

Dancing gives me confidence in myself so I can learn to speak up when I have something to say. I have more confidence at school and other activities because of dance. I speak and participate more and sign up for more activities.

I love dancing - now - and hope that it will help me achieve new goals in the long run.

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