

Platinum Dance Skills Month FAQs

Who: Dancers in Recreational classes, excluding Toddler & Me

What: Dancers will go through the skills they have been working on in class this season. Teachers will enter their progress into our system for parents (YOU!) to view in the [Parent Portal](#).

When: TBD

Where: At Platinum Dance during class

Why does Platinum do skills month?

1. To do an annual assessment of our curriculum, programming and student progression.
2. To hold staff accountable to the expected instruction throughout the season.
3. For parents to see (through the [Parent Portal](#)) what your dancer is learning and how they are progressing.
4. For dancers to feel proud of their accomplishments and what they have learned in class!
5. To ensure the pathway of moving through our program is on track; whether a dancer decides to continue in the recreational program or move on to performance team/competitive. Also, so that we are able to give personal guidance for future classes to each dancer accurately during our spring evaluations that will be emailed out in April.
6. To “wrap-up” the skills focus in class and transition to more focus on recital choreography!

How should I prepare my dancer for skills month?

- Skills month is not something parents/dancers should stress about at home. Teachers are preparing dancers in class and have been all season. We are confident everyone will leave feeling proud (*and with an awesome ribbon too!*)
- You can login to your [Parent Portal](#) now to see which skills will be tested, if you want to preview them/have your dancer go through them.

What should my dancer wear for skills month?

- Your dancer should come in the usual dress code with their hair pulled back.
- Please make sure to have the appropriate dance shoes for class.

What to expect during skills month:

- The structure of class will run as usual. The first 10 - 15 minutes of each class throughout this month will be dedicated to skills.
- All classes will complete testing in a call & repeat format, where dancers will demonstrate the skills in small groups, partners or individually.
- Instructors will help/demonstrate as needed - dancers will be able to perform a skill as many times as needed. Our goal is for everyone to leave feeling great about their work!

What if my dancer is absent during a week of testing?

- If a dancer is absent during one of the weeks, teachers will retest your dancer on a week that they are present. However, if a dancer misses the entire month, they will not be tested.

How do I view my dancer's progress from Skills Month?

- All info will be in your [Parent Portal](#) by the end of skills month. You will be able to view the skills that were attained and any notes the teacher may have included.

What if I have questions about their progress or classes to register for next season?

- Questions regarding your dancer's progress report can be sent to kia@platinumdance.com
- An end of season recommendation will be provided before next school year season enrollment opens.