



6 Questions Every Parent Should Ask Before Choosing a Gymnastics Facility

Does it really make a difference where you enroll your child for classes? If gymnastics facilities have qualified teachers, gymnastics equipment and classes, aren't they all the same? There are 6 main things that can make a huge difference in the quality of instruction your child receives, the amount of work parents must deal with and the overall enjoyment and satisfaction your family will experience with a gymnastics facility.

1. What type of teaching curriculum is used? How can I track my child's learning and skill development?

Gymnastics is a sport that requires students to learn skills in a certain progression of difficulty. A lot of gymnastics centers do not follow a structured curriculum for teaching skills or tracking the skills students have learned. This can hinder and cause unnecessary frustration in the student's learning process. This is also frustrating for parents because they do not have any easy way to evaluate their child's learning and progress.

At Black Diamond Gymnastics we have a comprehensive curriculum that teaches gymnastics in structured progression of skills as well as a star chart reward system that allows students and parents to track the learning. The six levels of our star chart system begin with introductory gymnastics skills and progresses to advance gymnastics skills. Every student receives a star chart poster to take home when they begin each level. Every 4 weeks students will receive stars, from their teacher, corresponding to the skills they have completed during the last 4 weeks. Once all the skills on their poster have been completed they will pass to the next skill level. Thousands of students have experienced the benefits of our star chart reward system. Students love the experience of receiving stars and passing from level to level. Upon completing a level, students will take a picture with their teacher and receive the next level star chart poster. Parents love the star chart because there is no guessing as to their child's progression. Parents can always see what skills their child has learned or ask a teacher who will have an immediate answer regarding the student's learning.

2. How are the classes structured and organized? Is the equipment age appropriate?

Some gymnastics centers choose to fill classes based on space availability rather than age and ability level. In one class you may find students with vastly different ages and ability levels. This type of class organization results in students receiving inconsistent training that is not related to their specific needs.

Our classes are organized by ability level and age. We have found that students learn best when they are in a class with other students their own ability level and age. This type of class organization allows our teachers to be most effective in their teaching as they can appropriately teach children who share common developmental standards. Teachers cannot be effective in their teaching if their class has a wide range of students with differing age and ability level range. In our school age gymnastics classes we have specific classes for girls and specific classes for boys. We also have a competitive gymnastics team for those gymnasts interested in competition gymnastics. Gymnasts are invited to be part of this team starting at the age of 4.

We utilize age appropriate equipment in our classes. We have equipment for all ages and abilities. In order for students to be successful in their learning they need equipment that best matches their ability level. It is important for students to have developmental appropriate equipment.

3. Can I get immediate customer service?

Many gymnastics centers do not provide adequate customer service for their customers as a way to decrease operating expenses. These centers have the teachers teaching classes and handling customer service in between classes. This causes both class time and customer service to suffer negatively. Customers do not receive immediate assistance and students do not receive all of the teacher's attention. Some centers will only provide customer service for a limited amount of time during the day, usually during afternoon class times. This can be frustrating for customers who need assistance outside of this limited window of time.

Here at Black Diamond Kids Center our customer service staffs' responsibility is to provide customer service, not teach classes. Our customer service mission is to ensure your experience here is exceptional. Our customer service office opens at 9am, 6 days a week, so that you can receive the highest level of service when you need it.

4. Are there any shows for my child to perform in?

Two times a year, in the fall and spring, gymnastics students have the opportunity to perform in what we refer to as our Olympics. The students love the Olympics, as it is a chance to show their family and friends all the things they have been learning in class. At the conclusion of the Olympics every student receives a special award for their performance.

5. Is the facility clean, bright and inviting for kids? Can I watch my child's class?

A gymnastic facility should be clean, bright and inviting for your family. You can determine this by simply walking through the facility. As you walk around check the bathrooms as an indication of the cleanliness of the facility. A center providing activities for children should be cleaned on a daily basis.

Our entire facility is cleaned on a daily basis. Our floors are mopped, carpets vacuumed, mats washed, bathrooms cleaned and areas disinfected everyday so that your time with us is clean and comfortable. We take pride in operating a clean facility as we believe it is a mark of our ability to provide you with an unforgettable experience.

Parents are always welcomed to stay and watch their child's class. We have two large parent waiting areas so that parents can view every exciting moment in class. We also have free WiFi so that parents who need to accomplish other projects may do so while waiting for their children.

6. What other programs does your facility offer?

This is an important question to make sure your experience is high quality and convenient. In this busy world, our goal is to you simplify by decreasing the locations you have to travel for your children's activities.

As the only children's activity center in our area, we specialize in sports, education and entertainment opportunities for kids and teens. We provide the highest quality teaching, coaching and entertainment possible in all our programs, so that you not only receive the excellent value, but exceptional convenience. Another customer benefit of attending Black Diamond is receiving discounts on multiple programs for your entire family. One child can participate in gymnastics and one child can dance all at the same location. If you find our program not reaching this level please immediately inform us so that we may make the necessary changes immediately.