



## The BWR Difference

	<b><i>Ballet Western Reserve</i></b>	<b>Local Competition Studios</b>
<b>Experience</b>	BWR, a 501 (c) 3, non-profit dance school has been the preeminent ballet academy in the Mahoning Valley for over 50 years.	Most small competition studios are “for profit” and are not firmly grounded in the area arts community.
<b>Faculty</b>	BWR hires only professional instructors with dance degrees trained to teach safe, age-appropriate dance.	Many local competition studios use teenage students to teach dance classes.
<b>Curriculum</b>	BWR classes are based on developmentally appropriate material supported by anatomically sound teaching, using proper ballet vocabulary and positions. BWR limits class size to ensure students receive personal attention.	“Routines” are often learned from conferences or videos with few or no traditional ballet classes taught. Often gymnastics are emphasized over dance.
<b>Costumes</b>	BWR has a vast costume inventory and costume mistresses, so there are minimal or no costume fees. Students wear uniform leotards.	Most competition studios charge expensive fees for multiple costumes that are often inappropriate or provocative.
<b>Productions</b>	BWR charges a nominal audition fee for participation in our fall production, and there is no charge for participation in our annual <i>Spring Gala</i> performance.	Many competition studios charge rehearsal and entry fees for participation in competitions and productions.
<b>Studio Space</b>	BWR is located in the historic Morley Arts Building in downtown Youngstown and has 5 beautiful studios equipped with Marley flooring, both parent and student lobbies, free WIFI and parking, and security.	Some competition studios are small with crowded parent and student areas.
<b>Music</b>	BWR upper levels classes dance to live piano accompaniment.	Most studios play recorded music for classes.

BWR offers traditional dance education in Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Modern, Jazz, and HipHop.  
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