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How has Dance and my experiences at PDB enhanced my life.

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Ballet, you ask how it's changed my life, so much. Ballet makes me a great dancer at everything since I almost take everything. You know also I like ballet so much I never have to pretend to be sick or use the bathroom to leave or take time. To me it also teaches you to love yourself because, you have grace and pride but not an ego. You also learn with others, I have friends here and I never would let them down, if they need help with steps, I'll help also, the teachers they're great because, they care if we learn they want us to be great. And they're very understanding. It also makes me feel better because when I dance it's like singing with my body. I also want to show kindness to people, children and teachers, while I'm here, not just to friends. Whenever I do Ballet, I want to get better, not for my Mom, not for a friend or teacher but for me (myself). Also, Ballet just makes me a different person because ballet students have things regular children don't have; grace, honor, fitness and obedience. Also, it helps me with my acting career if they need a ballerina, I'm there. Ballet's just my thing. It's my talent so I'm using the gift God gave to me and my teachers help me accomplish that mission. Also, if needed, I'll help my dance classmates and my teachers will be there. I've been here practically my whole life and almost 7 days a week so my friends and teachers are my ballet family. I love ballet and I can't help it, it's just in me to love it no matter if the class is 1 hr. 2 hrs. 3 hr, doesn't matter because I love it and it's my gift from God, I wouldn't let God down or Ballet.

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