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SWIM LESSON SELECTOR

WHAT AGE GROUP DOES THE STUDENT FALL INTO?



6 months–3 years
PARENT* & CHILD:
STAGES A–B



3 years–5 years
PRESCHOOL:
STAGES 1–4



6 years–14 years
SCHOOL AGE:
STAGES 1–6

All age groups are taught the same skills but divided according to their developmental milestones.

WHICH STAGE IS THE STUDENT READY FOR?

Can the student respond to verbal cues and jump on land?	NOT YET	A / WATER DISCOVERY	SWIM STARTERS
YES			
Is the student comfortable working with an instructor without a parent in the water?	NOT YET	B / WATER EXPLORATION	SWIM STARTERS
YES			
Will the student go underwater voluntarily?	NOT YET	1 / WATER ACCLIMATION	SWIM BASICS
YES			
Can the student do a front and back float on his or her own?	NOT YET	2 / WATER MOVEMENT	
YES			SWIM BASICS
Can the student swim 10–15 yards on his or her front and back?	NOT YET	3 / WATER STAMINA	
YES			
Can the student swim 15 yards of front and back crawl?	NOT YET	4 / STROKE INTRODUCTION	SWIM STROKES
YES			
Can the student swim front crawl, back crawl, and breaststroke across the pool?	NOT YET	5 / STROKE DEVELOPMENT	
YES			
Can the student swim front crawl, back crawl, and breaststroke across the pool <u>and back</u> ?	NOT YET	6 / STROKE MECHANICS	SWIM STROKES

*At the Y, we know families take a variety of forms. As a result, we define **parent** broadly to include all adults with primary responsibility for raising children, including biological parents, adoptive parents, guardians, stepparents, grandparents, or any other type of parenting relationship.