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# LESSON SELECTOR

## WHAT AGE GROUP DOES THE STUDENT FALL INTO?



6 months–3 years  
**PARENT\* & CHILD:**  
STAGE 0



3 years–5 years  
**PRESCHOOL:**  
STAGES 1–3



6 years–12 years  
**SCHOOL AGE:**  
STAGES 1–6



12+ years  
**TEEN & ADULT:**  
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

0 / WATER  
DISCOVERY

Is the student comfortable working with an instructor without a parent in the water?

NOT YET

0 / WATER  
EXPLORATION

Will the student go underwater voluntarily?

NOT YET

1 / WATER  
ACCLIMATION

Can the student do a front and back float on his or her own?

NOT YET

2 / WATER  
MOVEMENT

Can the student swim 10–15 yards on his or her front and back?

NOT YET

3 / WATER  
STAMINA

Can the student swim 15 yards of front and back crawl?

NOT YET

4 / STROKE  
INTRODUCTION

Can the student swim front crawl, back crawl, and breaststroke across the pool?

NOT YET

5 / STROKE  
DEVELOPMENT

Can the student swim front crawl, back crawl, and breaststroke across the pool and back?

NOT YET

6 / STROKE  
MECHANICS

\*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.