

DANCE SYLLABUS

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TUTORIALS/OFFICE HOURS – Mondays 1:30-3:30pm

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students will be able...

- To use self-discipline, utilize self-confidence, and experience dedication through the art of dance.
- To demonstrate knowledge of dance vocabulary and develop the skills of description, analysis, and interpretation in a dance performance.
- To view, perform and discuss historic dance works in order to become more familiar with spatial patterning of choreographic design, as well as with musical elements that have traditionally dictated those patterns.
- To demonstrate knowledge of key figures in the evolution of several dance forms.
- To explore and perform diverse dances styles and techniques through various exercises in movement.
- To demonstrate awareness of space, time, energy, and the student's own body.
- To demonstrate leadership and organizational skills through leadership of class discussion and class projects.
- To develop choreography skills.
- To perform both teacher lead and student lead choreography combinations and works.

NECESSARY CLASS DRESS CODE & MATERIALS: Students will need to wear

- Black Fitted Tank Top or T-Shirt (Nothing baggy, must be four fingers- no spaghetti straps (must have beginning of week 5))
- Black Jazz Pants or Capris. No shorts, nothing shorter than the knee. (must have beginning of week 5)
- Jazz Shoes, (MUST HAVE beginning of week 5)
- NO Dangling JEWELRY!
- Hair tied back
- Dance Classes will dress only in the correct bathroom.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS: Students will be expected to...

- Respect one another.
- Participate fully, every day.
- Come to class prepared.
- Be prepared when returning to class after an absence.
- Be responsible for personal belongings.
- Refrain from ALL FOOD, CANDY, SOFT DRINKS or GUM in the dance space.
- Use ALL technology appropriately. Be good digital citizens! (See attached "ELECTRONIC DEVICE CONTRACT".)

CLASS PROCEDURES ONLINE:

- Be logged in and ready for synchronous class ON TIME
- Please see distance learning guidelines and digital citizenship for dance slides in the google classroom
- For asynchronous learning please be sure to login and complete assignments on time
- For movement class times be in something you can move in (ie leggings and fitted tshirt, shoes for your surface)
- Be sure to follow PISD guidelines when it comes to online learning at all times

CLASS PROCEDURES IN PERSON:

- Enter class with devices put away in bag or backpack or student must be actively putting devices in cell phone waiting area! Headphones and ear buds must be out or off to enter room!
- Go directly to the designated bathroom changing area. (upstairs is a drill team ONLY area.)
- Change into dance tops, bottoms and shoes.
- Place personal belongings in locker or at back of classroom ONLY (Absolutely no items or backpacks can be left on the side walls for safety)
- Must be in the room warming up, in position, 5 minutes after the tardy bell rings . Instructor will be taking attendance at this time! YOU WILL BE COUNTED TARDY IF YOU ARE STILL IN THE RESTROOM.
- Be prepared to fully participate every day. (If you have a question for the instructor, ask your question during your warm-up/music time. (Do not wait until the instructor begins teaching))
- Take care of personal business at “Cat Corner”, with your counselor or principal at lunch or during passing periods. (You will not be permitted to leave class to do so.)

GRADING: Student grades will be categorized as...

- 60% Major Grades – In-class participation and preparation - (dressing out appropriately and active participation are a HUGE part of what is necessary to assess skills and knowledge of dance.)
- 40% Minor Grades - Written/ Performance skills/Projects and Spring Dance Showcase - (Performance skills tests are required once every 9-weeks.)

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: Students will be...

- Required to perform in a MANDATORY Spring Dance Showcase (Wed., APRIL 7th)
- Required to perform in ONE after school rehearsal on Monday.

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE REGARDLESS OF SCHOOL ATTIRE!

If you are unable to physically participate you must provide a parent or Dr.'s note and you will be required to audit the class.

ILLNESS & INJURIES:

In the case of illness/injury, a parent note may excuse the student from participation for one day. The note proof must be presented to the instructor BEFORE class begins. If you do not have a parent note – you will be required to participate. A doctor's note is required if the student misses participation for three or more consecutive days. If you are unable to take a skills test due to a long term injury, then an alternative assignment will be given in its place. If student misses any (9) week performance skills test, it is the responsibility of the student to schedule and make-up a missed (9) week performance skills test. Please *DO NOT* give a note from home saying you need to sit out because of cramps. *(Research shows that the more you move/exercise while having cramps, the more it helps with discomfort)*