**Dance Syllabus**

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**Course Description:** ​Dance is a fine arts class that will teach students the fundamental techniques and vocabulary in many styles of dance. The students will also cover dance history and explore basic choreography. Emphasis will be placed on technique, movement skills, knowledge, history, and aesthetics of each dance style, while also learning components of health-related fitness. The dance class strives to promote a lifelong interest in both dance and physical fitness.

**Course Objectives:**

* ★ To develop and maintain a positive self-image.
* ★ To learn different origins and history of dances.
* ★ To gain understanding and develop appreciation of dance through reflection on dances of various styles experienced as participation and audience.
* ★ To provide enjoyment and understanding of health-related fitness.
* ★ To create dances in order to express personal ideas and feelings.
* ★ To have fun while learning a lifetime activity.

**Required Materials:**

**Classroom Essentials:** ​We will occasionally take notes, have written in-class work, and take tests or quizzes. Students should have a **pencil/pen** and a **spiral** **notebook/journal** for these assignments.

**Proper Attire:** ​You must dress out for class **on a daily basis**.

**CAPA:** For class you must purchase a solid **black** tank leotard, Capezio brand **suntan convertible tights,** and proper shoes (slip-on tan jazz shoes, **SKIN** **TONE** cloth ballet slippers, and tan slip-on tap shoes).

**CAPA:** For performances you must have **SKIN TONE** convertible tights and a full face of stage makeup.

**Dance 1-4:** You must dress out in comfortable clothes everyday- Jeans are NOT allowed. Dance shoes are not required, but if desired, skin tone ballet shoes, and/or tan jazz shoes may be worn. If you do not have dance shoes you may dance barefoot.

\*\*Tennis shoes are not acceptable footwear unless requested by the instructor. Your daily grade will be lowered if you are not dressed out in proper attire. The proper attire is necessary as it allows your teacher to see alignment and movements of the body. Hair must be secured out of your face and jewelry is NOT allowed for all dance classes.\*\*

**Grading System:** ​Students will earn points for daily participation and dressing out. Students will be required to dress out each day, regardless of participation. Failure to dress out or participate will result in a loss of daily points.

**Non-dress Policy**

If a student chooses not to dress properly (this includes proper colors and hair up out of the face), the student will lose points per day that cannot be made up.

**Cell phones/ Gum**

Cell phones, food, and gum are NOT permitted in the dance room. Leave cell phones in your locker or away in your backpack and be sure to dispose of any gum before entering the classroom. If you are caught using your cell phone in class for any reason OR if you are caught with gum inside the dance area, you will lose points for the day.

**Rules and Expectations:**

1. 5 minutes before/after class to get dressed. You will be marked late if you go over time. You MUST dress out.
2. Hall pass will ONLY be given in emergency situations.
3. NO shoes, jewelry, lotions, or body oils on the dance floor.
4. Be considerate and respectful: keep objects, including hands and feet to yourself. Treat others kindly.
5. Please remember to keep your phone and electronics put away.
6. The classroom’s back door is completely off limits. (Walking out of class will result in an F.) Do not leave class until the teachers allows you to.
7. This class is participation based. If you do not participate you will earn an F.
8. No pictures/videos in class without permission- Including TikToks.
9. Do NOT touch any items that do not belong to you.
10. Do NOT lean on the dance barres or put items, such as, clothing on them.

**Consequences:**

Standard consequences will apply: warning, contact parent, refer to administration. I have confidence that we can work together to resolve any issues before they become serious.

**Concerts:**

**CAPA: ALL PERFOMANCES AND CONCERTS ARE REQUIRED. IF YOU MISS A PERFOMANCE YOU WILL RECEIVE AN F TEST SCORE.**

**Dance 1-4:** Performances are not required are appreciated!

**\*\*Additional rehearsal dates will be required the week of Showcase and Concert. Clear your schedule so that you are available for the necessary extra practices. February 20-24th. (subject to change)**

**Communication:**  All grades are updated at least once a week. Students and parents should check grades often using Power School. The best way for parents to reach me quickly is by email. If you have questions or concerns about your student, please contact me.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year in dance with you!

**Tear off and return**

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Please sign, print, date, and fill out the contact info below indicating that you have read and understand the course syllabus, expectations, content, and policies for the dance class. Please provide a valid phone number and email address, as well. Concert updates and other information will periodically be sent through email.

*STUDENTS: I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , have read the student expectation plan and course syllabus and understand it. I will honor it.*

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*PARENTS: My child has discussed the student expectation plan with me. I understand it and will support it.*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Printed Name Parent Signature Date

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