**DANCE SYLLABUS**

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***Welcome to Dance!*** Throughout the course of the semester, students will be learning anatomy, history of dance, choreography, creative process, and choreographic principles. Our goal is to improve your knowledge of dance, technique, and most importantly self-confidence. Students will practice using critical thinking skills while creating, analyzing and evaluating performances of their own as well as others.

**Rules and Expectations**

1. Respect the teacher, classmates, property and YOURSELF!
2. Be on time
3. Be prepared for class
4. No gum
5. No cell phones
6. Try your best!

**Consequences**

1. Verbal warning and correction
2. Alternate Assignment and/or location
3. Contact Home
4. Office referral

**Required Materials**

1. Appropriate athletic attire- Refer to Dress Code

**Dress Code**

1. T-shirt (no tank tops or camis)
2. Athletic shorts or pants- (**No jeans**, cargo, spandex, jeggings, dressy pants or khaki bottoms.)
3. Socks or dance shoes (footies, jazz shoes)
4. Long hair must be pulled back in ponytail and short hair must be pulled away from face and bangs secured back using bobby pins or headband
5. No jewelry of any kind EXCEPT earring studs and rings
6. All clothing **MUST** be school appropriate!

**Note:** IF you are in the performance class you will wear all black.

\*\*\*\*Dress code will be graded under the Formal Grade category. Students start with a 100%, but for each dance class dress code is not followed, 5 percentage points will be deducted. Points cannot be earned back once they are lost.

**Grading Structure**

Formal Grades (70%), Informal Grades (30%)

**Formal**

* Dress Code
* Online Journals
* Performances (In Class and Outside of Class)
* Assessments- Tests and Quizzes
* Dance Concert

**Mandatory concert dates!**

* Week of concert: May 22nd and 23rd (rehearsals afterschool)
* Concert!! Friday, May 24th

**Dance concert is mandatory for all students! Those who do not attend will have an alternate assignment.**

**Informal**

* A weekly participation grade will be given using the grade designation guide below
* Assignments/Homework

**Grade Designation Guide**

**A 90-100**

The student is highly self motivated, uses problem solving skills, and works independently as much as possible. The student is a risk taker and an original thinker. The student completes all assignments according to the guidelines on time and outside of class. The student uses teacher feedback to improve his/her work. The student demonstrates and applies an understanding of the skills and techniques taught in the lesson. The student works to maximum ability, stays focused, and on task for the entire class period.

**B 80-89**

The student is motivated and enthusiastic. The student usually takes risks and makes an effort to be creative and original. The student completes all assignments according to the guidelines on time and dedicates time outside of class when necessary. The student uses teacher feedback to improve his/her work. The student demonstrates and applies an understanding of the skills and techniques taught in the lesson.

**C 70-79**

The student does satisfactory work, but it is felt that he or she does not reach maximum potential. The student is sometimes reluctant to take risks and occasionally draws upon other’s ideas more than his/her own. Selected work habits (completing assignments on time, following directions, staying on task) may need some attention. The student accepts and applies some teacher feedback to improve his/her work.

**D 60-69**

The student is rarely motivated and seldom works independently. The student is usually reluctant to take risks and tends to draw heavily upon other’s ideas instead of his/her own. The student contributes minimal effort to follow the guidelines given for each project. The student rarely accepts and applies teacher feedback to improve his/her work. The student turns in many late or incomplete assignments. The student’s work is consistently below standard level.

**F 59 and Below**

The student consistently refuses to cooperate or complete assignments and activities.

**\*\*Classroom Donations**- The following items are not provided by the school: tissues, hand sanitizer, wipes, Lysol spray, hair elastics, headbands, and bobby pins. If you would like to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated!