

Dance I, II, III- Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Dance I - This course is designed to explore different genres of dance, the history of dance, and how to execute each style.

Dance II & III - This course is designed to continually explore different genres of dance, the history of dance, execution, and group/independent choreography.

EXPECTATIONS:

Students must dress appropriately for the class and participate in all learning. The requirements for dress are covered below. Excellence in attendance is necessary for success in this course. If a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to make-up any work that is missed **within a week** of the absence. Each student will be assigned a locker and lock to keep their dance belongings in. Students may not bring/use their own locks; should the assigned lock be lost or stolen, there will be a \$5.00 fee to replace it. Students are encouraged NOT to share lockers at the risk of theft.

PARTICIPATION:

Students will be given many grades based on their participation in classroom activities. It is important to your success that you are up, dancing, and dressed out. If you need to sit out from a class due to illness or injury for one class period, a note from your guardian will be required along with a phone number that we can reach them at. If your injury or illness requires a lack of participation for more than one day, then a note from a doctor is needed stating the date that you will be able to resume physical activity. If these requirements are met, an alternate assignment will be given. If they are not met, not participating in class could result in a poor assessment of your participation.

EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated on their participation, their performance, and their written work. Dressing out will be included in their participation grade. Their learning will be assessed in a variety of ways. Each day is worth 20 points for a weekly total of 100. Not dressing out will automatically result in the loss of 10 points for that day. Lack of participation or minimal participation in class can result in a loss of up to 10 points.

GRADES:

Summative – 60%

Formative – 40%

Units covered - Anatomy, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, World Dance, Hip Hop, Drill, Modern, Performance, and Choreography.

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- Participation – 20 possible points each day, total for the week equals 100 (10 for dressing out, 10 for full participation)
 - Dressing out – Failure to dress out will result in the following:
 - The first time a student does not dress out during NW1, they will be given a warning.
 - The second time or after NW1 that a student does not dress out, they will receive a 10 for the day.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS:

Students will take a final exam at the end of each semester in dance. This test will evaluate the student's learning during the course. The May exam will contain information from the entire school year.

DANCE ATTIRE:

Students will need to follow the following guidelines when dressing for dance class. Each student needs to obtain a pair of **black jazz shoes**, and **black jazz pants/leggings**. Dance students will be responsible for wearing their black jazz pants/leggings with a school appropriate dance top. Every student is responsible for pulling his/her hair up out of his/her face for dance class. **NO JEWELRY IS ALLOWED** – lock it up. Each student is responsible for bringing his/her dance clothes to class each day.

DANCE RECITALS

ALL DANCE STUDENTS will be required to participate in the annual DHS Dance Department Spring Show. Students will learn a routine, help to costume the routine and demonstrate their understanding of performance etiquette at the dance recital. The Spring Show will be held in the DHS auditorium on **Saturday and Sunday, April 27th & April 28th**, with a dress **rehearsal on Wednesday, April 24th**. These will be evening performances, but the tech/dress rehearsals will be directly after school. Please leave these dates clear, as these performances are mandatory and count as 3 test grades.

Etiquette

- NO FOOD, DRINKS, OR GUM ARE ALLOWED IN ANY PART OF THE DANCE FACILITY
- Straighteners, curling irons, hair dryers, etc., are NOT allowed anywhere in the dance facility. These items will be taken up and given to the front office for parent pickup. They are a fire hazard and will not be given back.
- Be in your roll call lines when the passing period bell rings. Immediately following roll call, dancers will be dismissed to change in the locker room. The locker room will be locked during class time.
- Students must ask permission before leaving the room to use the restroom, get a drink of water, or for any other reason. Failure to do so will result in all 10 participation points lost for the day. This is for your safety.
- Do not talk while the teacher is talking and/or teaching.
- Be respectful to all teachers, peers, substitutes, administration, and guests that may be in the room during class.
- Maintain locker room cleanliness.
- Cell phones are prohibited in the dance studio. Failure to do so will result in them being picked up by dance teachers and kept until the end of the school day. Students must come to pick them up.

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I have read through the syllabus for Dance I, II, III and I understand the guidelines for grading, dressing out, and participation. I understand that the amount of effort that I put into dance class will impact my grade.

Student printed name

Date

Student signature

Course & Period

I have read through the syllabus for Dance I, II, III and I understand the guidelines that are to be used for grading, dressing out, and participation. I understand the amount of effort that is expected from my student and how that effort may impact his/her grade. I am aware that, as in any class, dance students must purchase classroom supplies (dance attire) that are essential to the learning process of dance.

Printed name of Guardian(s)

(Date)

Signature of Guardian(s)

**** Please return this form to Ms. Hookanson and Ms. Lipinski by August 29th, 2018 for a formative grade.****