

Advanced Dance Addendum

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Course Description

This course is an advanced dance class that will allow students to study, practice and perform the art of movement. Throughout this course, students will gain further knowledge in technique, improvisation, dance history, kinesiology, stage design and choreography. Students will be educated in various styles of dance. All students will be required to use skills learned in this course to perform in the Dance Concert at the end of the semester.

Fees

This course requires a \$10 class fee. Please have this paid to the front office ASAP. We will be getting team jackets. Further information will be given about apparel fees, although it will not be a requirement.

Concert:

All students are required to perform in the Winter and Spring Concert. Winter concert is **December 20th at 6:30 pm**. The Dress rehearsal will be **December 19th at 3:00-8:00pm** (dinner will be provided). Spring concert will take place on **May 21st at 6:30**. Dress rehearsal will be on **May 20th from 3:00-8:00 pm** (dinner will be provided). If for some reason a student is not able to perform, written notice from a parent or guardian at least four weeks in advance, will be required. Absence from concert must be excused. An alternative assignment will be put in place but may not fully make up concert points. Be sure to set your calendars for concert, as this will be worth many points.

Guest Choreographers

We have talented guest choreographers scheduled to come throughout the year. Please be advised, we will hold morning practices during our guests time here. Expect a 6:00 am drop off time. These dates will be determined soon.

Attendance Policy:

Students should be in class regularly and on time. Participation points will be taken every day. If students are absent, tardy or leave early, participation points will be taken away. Only students with an excused absence may choose to make up participation points. Students that are present in class but are unable to participate, due to sickness or injury are required to bring a doctors note. These students will have an alternative assignment to make up participation points. (Refer to handbook for school-wide attendance policy).

Tardies-

If you are not present or dressed for class five minutes after the tardy bell rings, you are considered tardy. Three participation points will be taken away. (Further consequences are given for multiple tardies. Refer to handbook).

Communication Protocols:

Students will be sent home with notes for any announcements or new information. Emails will also be sent out for important information.

BAND APP

If you would like to stay informed and updated about morning practices, assignments and tests coming up, please join our parent group. Check your email for the access code. Students have their own group that you are welcome to join also. This is a great way to quickly answer any questions and generate class related information.

Electronic Device Policy:

Keep all electronic devices in your lockers, unless stated otherwise. If I see a phone in use, it will go to "Phone Jail" for the remainder of the class or day.

Food and Drink Policy:

There is no water fountain in the dance room, please bring water bottles that are spill-proof! Food is not allowed in the dance room. Students, who need frequent snacks for any reason, please contact me and there will be an exception to this rule.

Mastery Grading

- 4- Advanced
- 3- Meets expectations
- 2- Partial mastery
- 1- Little or no mastery

School-Wide Late/ Make-up Work:

1. When absent, the student is responsible for gathering and completing all work missed due to the absence.
2. For each day that a student is absent, an equal number of days will be given to complete missed assignments, make-up exams, or meet assignment deadlines.
3. Students who sluff may receive a "0" on all assignments, quizzes, and/or tests that are missed as a result of their sluff.

**Students are able to make up participation points for any excused absent days.*

Daily Requirements:

Students must have the following items in class each day.

1. Bare feet! No shoes or socks on the dance floor
2. No Gum. Get rid of it before entering the room.
3. Pencil, water bottle and notebook
4. Dance attire. Must abide by dance dress code listed below. **Points will be taken away if not properly dressed. Dancers will be required to wear school provided dance clothes if they are not appropriately dressed or clothes from home are not present. Students are only allowed to borrow school clothes up to 3 times. After the 3rd time, dancers**

**are not allowed to physically participate in class until clothes are brought from home.
Parents or guardians will also be contacted.**

Dress Code:

Required:

-All black or school colors-*blue*

-Sweat pants-*tighter fitting*

-Yoga pants or leggings

-Joggers-*must be stretchy material (no jeans)*

-Basketball, runner or soccer shorts- *must have spanx or compression shorts underneath*

-Athletic Shirts-Must cover stomachs completely-*T-shirt, wide strap tank top, long sleeve shirt*

-Hair- *If it becomes an individual problem (always touching hair) then that dancer will be required to put their hair up*

If you question it... Don't wear it!

Important Dates:

December 19th 3:00-8:00 pm- Dress Rehearsal

December 20th 6:30 pm- Concert