

Social Ballroom Addendum

Ms. Skaggs

Monday-Friday: 3rd Period

Course Description

This course is a beginning/ introductory class that will allow students to study, practice and perform the art of Social Dance. Throughout this course, students will gain knowledge in technique, social skills, dance history and class etiquette. Students will be educated in various styles of ballroom dance including: Waltz, Lindy Hop, Swing, Foxtrot and Country Swing. All students will be required to use skills learned in this course to perform in the Winter Dance Concert at the end of the semester.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- Identify and differentiate the various styles of Social Dance
- Show strong ability to lead/follow in a partnership
- Perform steps correctly, adding personality and style
- Properly execute technique rhythm and musicality
- Identify Social Dance vocabulary

Fees

This course requires a \$10 class fee. This will cover guest teachers, costumes and props. Please have this paid to the front office ASAP.

Concert:

All students are required to perform in the Winter Concert. **December 20th at 6:30 pm.** 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. Students are also required to attend a short rehearsal on **December 19th at 3:00-4:00 pm.** Be sure to set your calendars for concert, as this will be worth many points.

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.

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 3:00-4:00 pm- Dress Rehearsal

December 20th 6:30 pm- Concert