

Performance Dance Course Syllabus

Sam Houston Math, Science, & Technology Center

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Course Description:

The students will be introduced to the history, various styles and elements of dance, including ballet, modern dance, creative movement/improvisation, jazz, hip-hop, and cultural dance. The students will also choreograph dances, learn to critique performances, and participate in group projects & performances.

Class Attire/ Materials:

In order to receive full participation credit for the day, you are required to dress out EVERY DAY for class. Acceptable attire is as follows:

1. **Black** leotard or tank top (no spaghetti straps please).
2. **Black** jazz spandex/cotton pants, yoga pants, or dance tights.
3. Shoes: Jazz, ballet, half soles, or toe-paws. (Please see dance resource list).
4. Your hair must be securely pulled back and away from your face and all jewelry removed.
5. *Composition book* or *1 subject spiral notebook*. Note taking and periodic writing assignments are required.

Participation:

Dance is a MOVEMENT class. Therefore, student participation will determine 50% of your average. All students begin class with a 100% as their daily participation grade. Points will be deducted if you are wearing jewelry, chewing gum, not dressed appropriately, not dressed out at all, talking during class, or not putting forth effort. Dressing out for class everyday is mandatory. The following consequences will be applied if a student chooses not to dress out (per semester):

1st time – Zero for a daily participation grade/Warning

2nd time – Zero for a daily participation grade/ Parent Contact

3rd time – Zero for participation grade/Detention

4th time – Zero for participation grade/Discipline referral

**Students who chronically refuse to dress out may be subject to removal from this class.*

GRADING POLICY:

Daily Participation & dress:	50%
Skills Test/ Quizzes	30%
Projects:	20%

ABSENCE POLICY:

1. Excused absences may be made up by completing an instructor designated assignment.
2. Students may be excused from participation in dance class due to illness or injury for one day WITH written parental notification BEFORE CLASS by phone, letter, or email. Should an illness or injury require a student to “sit-out” three or more days, we will need a note from a medical doctor.

TARDY POLICY:

Same as school tardy policy.

SKILLS TESTS:

Students will perform dance combinations combinations, and/or routines in small groups approximately once a week. YOU MUST BE DRESSED OUT APPROPRIATELY TO RECEIVE FULL CREDIT!

PROJECTS:

Projects may include, but are not limited to basic choreography skills, picture collages, creative movement, original movement combinations, written essays, and cultural studies. Students may be required to work on projects individually and in small groups. There will be 1-2 projects within the academic year.

DANCE STUDIO RULES:

This is our only dance studio for both campuses. Help us keep it in good shape. These rules will be strongly enforced:

1. **Dispose of all food items and gum upon entering the studio.**
2. **Only dance shoes are allowed, please remove street shoes upon entering.**
3. **Only water in CLOSED bottles may be kept in the studio.**
4. **Pick up after yourself! If you make a mess, CLEAN IT UP!**
5. **Make-up, hairspray, body sprays, perfumes, and lotions may only be used in the dressing areas.**
6. **All clothing/ items left over 30 days will be donated to a local charity.**

PERFORMANCES:

1. Students will perform for peers periodically inside the classroom, around campus, or in the community.
2. All students will be required to participate in the Winter Showcase and Spring Dance Show.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Respect yourself and others.
2. Be dressed in the required attire and ready for roll upon entering the studio.
3. The instructor is NOT responsible for any valuables stolen.
4. Food, gum, and drinks are NOT permitted in the dance studio.
5. Please bring a full water bottle because passes will not be given to leave class for the water fountain. See Ms. Robinson if you need to buy a water bottle.

I, _____ have read all the information included in the
Dance Syllabus.

(Student Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Home Phone)

(Parent/Guardian Cell Phone)

(Parent/ Guardian Work Phone)

(Parent/Guradian Email Address)