



Dance I - Introduction to Dance Course Syllabus

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Supplies:

One 3-ring binder (at least 1in.) with paper and pens/pencils

At least 6 Dividers (Labeled - Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap, Choreography, Other)

Black Dance Pants/Capris, Black Leotard / Top, New or Used Tap Shoes (Due by January), Hair ties

Course Description:

Dance 1 students develop perceptual thinking and moving abilities in daily life that promote understanding of themselves and others and allow them to interact effectively in the community. By mastering movement principles and skills, students develop self-discipline, and healthy bodies that move expressively, efficiently, and safely through space and time with controlled energy. Students recognize dance as a vehicle for understanding cultural and historical contexts, increasing awareness of their own and others' heritage and traditions, thus helping them to participate in a diverse society. Evaluating and analyzing dance strengthens decision-making skills, develops critical and creative thinking, and enables students to make informed decisions about dance the world around them. (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts - Texas Education Code, 1998) Dance may be taken for Fine Arts and for Physical Education credit. This course lasts 2 semesters.

Goals:

1. To develop an awareness of the body's movement using sensory information
2. To apply body sciences and fitness principles to dance
3. To develop knowledge and skills of dance elements and of choreographic processes and forms in a variety of dance styles
4. To demonstrate an understanding of cultural, historical, and artistic diversity
5. To make informed judgments about dance's form, meaning, and role in society

Requirements:

All dancers are expected to be in the designated area when the bell rings and to be dressed by 5 minutes after. No food or drinks of any kind are allowed in the dance studio. Gum is not allowed! Common courtesy is expected during class (raising of the hand to ask questions, staying quiet throughout class, etc.). Restroom needs should be taken care of before or after class (during "dress out" time).

All dancers are expected to keep a binder and to dress out EVERYDAY unless they are physically unable to dress out. If the dancer is feeling ill, they are expected to inform Mrs. Curry, bring a note

from home and take detailed notes in their binder during class. A Doctor's excuse is expected for continuing non-participation and alternative arrangements will need to be made for credit.

All dancers are expected to refrain from wearing jewelry ("studs" are allowed but necklaces, dangle earrings, watches, rings, and others are not). Please make sure that your hair is pulled securely off of your neck and away from your face. Points will be added to your grade for each day you dress out properly in the participation portion of your grade.

Extra Credit:

Extra Credit can be earned in dance by assisting in leading warm-up, attending Klein Oak HS or other Fine Arts Performances (dance, theater, music, art) with a 1 page written critique, additional "Current Arts" Article reviews or other activities approved by Mrs. Curry.

Evaluation:

- 40% Participation (daily dressing out and participating in class)
- 30% Written Work (Article Reviews), Projects, and Exams (every 6 weeks)
- 30% Performance Exams (2 to 4 every 6 weeks)

Absences / Tardies:

Please sign in the TARDY BOOK if you are late. (3 tardies = 1 absence) Please follow KOHS Make-up Policy. Also, choose a "Homework Buddy" and exchange contact information in case of absence. Please check Mrs. Curry's website for missed assignments or other pertinent information.
My Homework Buddy - _____

Course Content:

Origins of Dance	Tap	Musical Theater
Ballet	Choreography	Pilates / Yoga
Modern	World Dance	
Jazz	Improvisation	

Course Expectations:

- ♥ Please don't forget to **Volunteer** to help in class. You will receive points for the 6 weeks!!
- ♥ Keep up with your work in Dance and ALL classes.
- ♥ Keep your personal belongings labeled and protected at ALL times. KOHS and the KOHS Dance Faculty are NOT responsible for lost items.
- ♥ Check the **Dance News** board for upcoming performances, master classes, careers, and college info.
- ♥ Share your excitement (achievements) with Mrs. Curry and the class via the **Brag Board!!**
- ♥ **YOU CAN. YOU WILL. AND I WILL HELP YOU.**

**Be Polite, Positive, Proud, Prompt, Prepared, Practiced
and ALWAYS Participate!!**

