

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE CLASS SYLLABUS

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***Please understand for the 20-21 school year, all dance teachers will be traveling to multiple schools and the most effective form of communication will be through email.**

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Campus _____ Class Period _____

OBJECTIVES:

- To learn self-discipline, self-confidence, and dedication through dance using the body as an expressive instrument
- To explore different dance styles and techniques through various exercises in movement
- To develop a dance vocabulary
- To develop various choreographic skills
- To develop kinesthetic awareness
- To develop an understanding of dance history as well as the importance of dance around the world

RULES/EXPECTATIONS:

- Display respect in all actions at all times
- Be on time and be prepared with dress out clothes EVERYDAY
- Absolutely **NO** food or drink in dance class or in the dance studio (with the exception of water)

CONSEQUENCES:

- Verbal Warning
- Call/Note Home
- Discipline Referral
- Conference with student, teacher, parent, and principal
- Dismissal from department

CLASS PROCEDURES:

Dressing out:

Dressing out is crucial to doing well and seeing personal growth in dance class. You must dress out EVERY SINGLE DAY in dance class unless otherwise specified. You should always assume you need the proper supplies for dance class. Dressing out is described as:

- Dressed in PfiSD dance tshirt OR black leotard
- Dressed in all black dance (athletic) leggings/pants
- Proper dance shoes (skin-toned jazz shoes for most units)
- Hair pulled back in a secure fashion. It should not be distracting. No hats will be allowed.
- NO rings, necklaces, or large earrings!
- NO GUM!

Students who do not dress out will still be expected to participate fully in dance class. The below-listed actions will be taken if you fail to dress out. Each student will have a fresh start at the beginning of each 9-week period.

- 1st offense - The student will be given a verbal warning.
- 2nd offense - An email notification will be sent home to parents/guardians.
- 3rd offense - A referral will be written and/or lunch detention will be issued.

Tardies:

Tardies will not be tolerated. 25 points will be deducted from participation grade every time that a student is tardy to class. A student may be considered tardy in two ways during dance class, first if the student is not in the studio or dress out space by the time the bell rings. The second way is if the student is late to attendance block after the designated dress out time. Students will have 7 mins at the beginning and the end of class to dress in and out of dance clothes.

GRADING SYSTEM:

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADING PROTOCOLS FOR 2020-2021

MAJOR GRADES 3 or more per grading period Weekly avg of daily grades, tests, performance grades	MINOR GRADES 6 or more per grading period Vocab quizzes, journals, self checks
Category Weight 60%	Category Weight 40%

The dance department grading policy is in accordance with the campus grading policy and is explained below.

- Students will receive a daily grade for each day of class. This grade consists of both dressing out and participating in class activities. See the chart below for how many points can be deducted from your daily grade per offense. These grades cannot be made up and will strongly affect your overall grade in dance class, so it is very important to always remember your supplies and give 100% effort in class! Your daily grades for the week will be averaged together to make up your major grade for the week.
 - Incorrect top -25
 - Incorrect pants -25
 - Hair not pulled back -25
 - Jewelry -25
 - Gum -25
 - Tardy (to class/attendance block) -25
 - Not participating in dance class -50
- If a student misses dance class for any reason, they are responsible for getting any missing work from their teacher the following day they are in class.
- You will not be able to “make up” grades taken based on attendance at performance rehearsals and performances. You absolutely MUST be present at the required dates to receive a 100%. Once performance dates are announced you will have two weeks to submit any prior date conflicts to be excused from the performance. You must turn in either a signed note from your parents or an email from your parents verifying that you cannot attend. If you do not submit any conflicts by this date, you are required to be present for all rehearsals and performances. Each will have a grade in the gradebook.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

Students will be given the opportunity to perform in two shows per year. One performance in the Fall semester (Fall Showcase) and one in the Spring semester (Spring Show). Other performance opportunities may arise throughout the year but are not guaranteed.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Black tank leotard *required
- Black jazz leggings *required
- Tan jazz shoes *required
- Spiral Notebook with a pocket
- PfISD Dance T-Shirt
- Solid black sweatshirt/sweatpants for cover-ups

- Water bottle

PARENT/STUDENT SIGNATURE

I have received and read over the Middle School Dance Department's Syllabus. I have full understanding of the objectives, rules and expectations, consequences, rewards, class procedures, grading system, supplies needed, and dates to remember. I understand that the student is responsible for earning their grade and will not simply be given a grade. If the student follows the above syllabus, they will be rewarded. If they do not follow the syllabus, they will suffer the consequences. Please keep this entire syllabus if questions arise throughout the year about policies and procedures.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Phone (home) _____ **(work)** _____

(cell) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ **Zip Code** _____

*Thank you for your parental support! Please call or email any time if you have questions or concerns.
We look forward to meeting you at your student's fall and spring performances!*