

Dance majors are expected to bring their dance bag to school every day. The bag should be large enough to carry their dance apparel and dance shoes. All dance wear and shoes should be marked with student's name in a permanent manner. Dancers may keep their dancewear in their dance locker along with a towel and toiletries (soap, deodorant, scissors, sewing thread and needle, hair needs, etc.) Students are responsible for all their personal belongings. **Lockers must be kept locked.** For security reasons, students should not share lockers or lock combinations with anyone.

***Dance Apparel for AM - Females***

Black Camisole or Tank Style Leotard  
 Pink or Flesh Toned Tights w/feet  
 Pink or Flesh Toned Ballet Shoes with sewn elastic  
 Black Tights with-out feet  
 Pointe Shoes – Pink or Flesh Toned with sewn elastic & ribbons  
 Black Jazz and Character Shoes  
 Black Tap Shoes - December  
*Tan/Flesh Toned camisole low back leotard  
 w/fabric straps - Performance*  
 Tues/Thurs – Solid Color Camisole or Tank Leotard  
 Black Master Class Tank Leotard – See Leo Style

***Dance Apparel for PM - Females***

Black Camisole or Tank Style Leotard  
 Pink or Flesh Toned Tights w/feet  
 Pink or Flesh Toned Ballet Shoes with sewn elastic  
 Black Tights with-out feet  
 Pointe Shoes – Pink or Flesh Toned with sewn elastic & ribbons  
 (Level 2- Sept, Level 1 - Jan)  
 Black Jazz and Character Shoes – Fall  
 Black Tap Shoes - December  
 Tues/Thurs - Solid Color Camisole or Tank Leotard  
 Black Master Class Tank Leotard – See Leo Style

***Dance Apparel for AM - Males***

Dance Belt (2) – Nude & Black – See DB style  
 Black Heavy Tights with feet  
 Black Heavy Tights with-out feet  
 Black Ballet Shoes with sewn elastic  
 White Tank ribbed T-Shirt  
 Black & White – Compression Crew Shirt  
 Black Jazz Shoes  
 Black Tap Shoes – December  
 Tues/Thurs – Solid Color T-Shirt or Compression  
 Crew Shirt  
 Black Elastic – waist band

***Dance Apparel for PM - Males***

Dance Belt (2) – Nude & Black – See DB Style  
 Black Heavy Tights with feet  
 Black Heavy Tights with-out feet  
 Black Ballet Shoes with sewn elastic  
 White Tank ribbed T-Shirt  
 Black & White – Compression Crew Shirt  
 Black Jazz Shoes  
 Black Tap Shoes – December  
 Tues/Thurs – Solid Color T-Shirt or Compression Crew Shirt  
 Black Elastic – waist band

**Females** – Only a basic black tank, camisole, short or long sleeve leotard (without multiple straps or mesh inserts) and pink or flesh toned tights are required for all AM & PM ballet classes. Ballet shoes and pointe shoes with sewn elastic and ribbons must match shade of tights worn in ballet technique class. All black is required for modern dance classes. All girls must wear the required black master class tank leotard with required tights for all ballet and modern dance master classes. All black tights must be at least ankle length. Hair must be worn up and away from face in a secure manner (bun with bobby pins and hairnet) for all dance classes. Females with short hair must keep hair neat, secure and away from the face. Natural hair color only and no ponytails are allowed in any dance class or performance. Only plain black fabric headbands may be worn in class. No gum, jewelry, sweatpants, t-shirts, midriffs, or thongs are to be worn in any Kinder HSPVA dance class. A solid color basic tank, camisole, short or long sleeve leotard (without multiple straps or mesh inserts) will be allowed on T/TH classes with black or pink/flesh toned tights only. Foundation garments will be required for females if needed for full support and safety of dancer. Student's fingernails must be cut to length of fingertip for safety in technique classes and performance. Performance attire and hair will be determined by the choreographer and dance chair in accordance of costuming chosen for production.

**Males** – Dance belts must be worn in all dance classes (quilted panel thong style). White short sleeved fitted T-Shirts deeply tucked or white leotard or compression/tank and black heavy-duty tights are required for all Kinder HSPVA dance classes. Tights must be at least ankle length for all HSPVA dance classes. A solid color fitted tank, compression or short sleeve T-Shirt will be allowed on T/TH classes with black tights only. No sweatpants or jewelry are allowed in any technique class. Hair must be pulled back and secured in a neat ponytail or braided and secured to head if worn long. Student's fingernails must be cut to length of fingertip for safety in technique classes and performance. Performance attire and hair will be determined by the choreographer and dance chair in accordance of costuming chosen for production.

**Dancers** – During the cold months' dancers will be able to start class wearing a regulation a **Kinder HSPVA Dance long sleeve T-shirt only**. The cover-up will only be allowed for the first two technique exercises in the first class of the AM & PM dance block. A large beach towel and yoga mat will be used in specified conditioning and yoga classes.

**As stated in the Kinder HSPVA Dance Contract, body piercing, tattoos, unnatural colored hair or hairstyles will not be accepted in the Kinder HSPVA Dance Department. Students who do not adhere to these policies will not be allowed to participate in Kinder HSPVA Dance technique classes or performance. MASKS will be worn in technique, lecture class, studios and dressing rooms when specified by District, School or Dance Department to ensure safety during pandemic. HISD currently stipulates masks are optional.**



## DISTRICT/SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGREEMENT & DANCE CONTRACT

To be successful and remain on level artistically and academically at the Kinder HSPVA students must:

1. Show continuous and consistent artistic progress
2. Maintain a 77 average in all Kinder HSPVA Dance Courses
3. Remain on grade level academically
4. Fulfill all the conditions of the signed **District & Kinder HSPVA Entrance Agreement** pertaining to grades, progress, discipline, and attendance
5. Fulfill all the conditions of the **Kinder HSPVA Dance Contract**

The same criteria in the **District & Kinder HSPVA Student Entrance Agreement** and the **Kinder HSPVA Dance Contract** are used to determine eligibility for casting, performance opportunities, field trips and senior recitals.

## DANCE STUDIO REGULATIONS & ETIQUETTE

1. Students are not to leave or interrupt any class in session. Any student who arrives for roll call and leaves within the first 30 minutes of class will be marked Tardy, exclusive of a doctor's note.
2. Street shoes should be removed and placed outside before entering dance studios.
3. Food and drinks are not allowed anywhere in the dance wing.
4. Chewing gum and liquid beverages are absolutely forbidden in any dance class or performance space. Only personal labeled water bottles will be allowed in Dance Studios.
5. Dance bags, purses, cell phones and academic books/notes are not allowed in any dance class.
6. Students must obtain permission from the teacher before leaving any dance class.
7. Student must obtain a clinic pass from the Dance office before going to the Nurse's office.
8. Students may not use dance class time to do academic homework. Violations will result in forfeiture of homework and a class conduct cut.
9. In keeping with traditional dance etiquette, students should be standing in their ready positions when their teacher enters the dance studio. Each dance technique class concludes with a "reverence" and applause for the dance teacher and accompanists.
10. The use of any dance studios, A/B/C for rehearsal purposes must be scheduled with the dance faculty in advance. Includes: before, lunch and after school rehearsals.

## DANCE GRADING POLICY & REPORT CARDS

**Dance Theory** (Dance Composition, Dance Photo and Repertory) course grades will be awarded upon recommendation of the theory teachers with approval from the full-time dance faculty. **Dance Technique** (Ballet, Modern Dance, Jazz, Tap, West African and Musical Theatre Stage Dance, Folk Dance) course grades are determined by dance faculty with approval from the full-time dance faculty. Dance majors will receive a progress report grade and a report card every grading cycle on HISD Connect. Grades will only be discussed with faculty once grades are finalized for each grading cycle. As stated in the District & Kinder HSPVA Entrance Agreement, if a student's art area average for any dance course falls below a 77, a student can be placed on art area probation. Students who are cast for a performance and fail an academic or art area course within the six-week grading cycle of the performance date will be removed from the performance or crew assignment. Dance has 4 credits for their Dance block each cycle. **Credit 1/Ballet Technique, Credit 2/Modern Dance Technique, Credit 3 - T/TH Technique/Theory** (Dance Composition/Dance History/Dance Nutrition & Survey) courses change each cycle and **Credit 4/Dance Average.** The Dance Average Credit grade will be the only grade lowered due to participation and dress violations a student receives during cycle. Students who have accumulated more than 3-point deductions for a grading cycle, dress or participation, will have remaining points deducted from their 6 - week cycle Dance Average.

## VIRTUAL LEARNING GRADING – if applicable

All information for dance classes and assignments will be posted on CANVAS under, Study – Lab 2-1A, Dance 4A – 12, Dance 3A – 11, Dance 2A- 10, Dance 1A- 9. This one central course/place makes it easier on the dancers, parents and teachers to access information. *Due to the way the HUB is set up Mrs. Carothers will be working with the Seniors and Freshmen and Ms. Jones will be working with the Juniors and Sophomores.*

**Equipment Needs:** An HISD computer with camera, personal computer with camera and or a cell phone. Open space to take a movement class free of furniture, a clear surface – flooring, a chair as a barre for Ballet. We anticipate space being limited in most homes and feel most of the movement will be axial and traveling limited. Surface area may be a concern – tile, carpeting, or wood. Many homes have different surfaces and students need to be aware when taking class to do so safely dependent of their flooring and surroundings within their home or yard.

**Internet/Privacy** – The teaching platform we will begin using is Zoom. You can find information about the program at <https://zoom.us> and take a short tutorial online to get better acquainted with platform. Privacy is a concern so all Dancers, Dance Consultants and Dance Faculty will be directed to a meeting with a link and password. **These meeting links and passwords are for HSPVA Dance Majors only.** *Sharing with anyone will be a violation of HISD and Dance Department privacy and safety policies.*

**Grading: Students will be graded in the following categories Participation, Written and Video Assessments.**

- **Participation Grade** – will be given by Dance Faculty/Consultant based on physical participation in Zoom classes. If your dancer participates, they are not responsible for a written alternate assignment for class. Are hope being that all dance majors take advantage of our Consultant teaching through Zoom.
- **Written Assignment** – Dance Faculty/Consultant may give a written component to a dance class, a written assignment in Independent study or a written alternate assignment to take the place of a participation grade.
- **Video Assignments** – Dance Faculty/Consultant may give student a video assignment, either performing a combination, creating a combination to teach peers or a compositional phrase/study. The student will video themselves and upload assignment to the CANVAS or through Accept'd.

## USE OF DANCE DRESSING ROOM

Only dance majors can use the dance studios, dance lockers and dance dressing room. **Lockers should always be kept locked.** Please do not invite in or allow students from other art areas to use dance dressing room. They are for Kinder HSPVA Dance majors only! All food and drinks are absolutely prohibited in the dance dressing rooms and designated spaces in the dance wing. After heating food in microwaves - students must proceed to commons or 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> floor designated eating areas. Violations will result in a conduct cut. Dressing Room Policies and Rules are posted in each dressing room to be followed by all dance majors. Masks must be worn in dressing rooms and all Dance Department spaces when specified by District, School or Department during Pandemic to ensure safety. HISD current policy states masks are optional.

## OBSERVING CLASS

Kinder HSPVA dance majors are required to comply with the Kinder HSPVA Dance Department curriculum and expected to participate in all forms of dance. A student who attends school but is unable to participate in a dance class due to injury or illness is expected to observe and remain with class for the duration. ***In the event a student must miss 3 or more days of physically participating, the dance department requires Kinder HSPVA Dance Medical Information Form from a medical physician stating physical limitations with a time-line for students to return to full physical activity. We will not accept notes from a physical therapist or a chiropractor.*** Students who are unable to participate in dance classes will not be able to participate in any rehearsals or performances during or after school. Those students observing class found doing homework, texting, sleeping or using any electronic device during class will permanently lose homework and receive a class conduct cut. When a student is unable to participate for an extended period due to injury or illness, an alternative assignment will be given. The alternative assignment grade will take the place of the technique grade for that cycle. If the injury or illness is chronic and keeps the student from participation over an extended period, the student may be placed on Participation Probation. All students placed on probation will be reviewed annually to determine their ability to return and perform physically to the Kinder HSPVA Magnet Program the following year.

## CLASS PROMOTION

**Dance class level promotion in the Kinder HSPVA Dance Department is not automatic each year.** A student can remain in the same ballet and modern dance level for more than one year except for Level I. (If a Level I student cannot be promoted to Level II in either Ballet or Modern Dance after their first year, they will be unable to return to the Kinder HSPVA Magnet Program the following year.) The Kinder HSPVA Dance Faculty determines what level students will be placed in by considering: **natural talent and potential, level of expertise, self-discipline, commitment, maturity, appropriate body fitness and work ethics.** Students are evaluated by the Kinder HSPVA Dance Faculty for level placement three times a year. The first two weeks of the Fall and Spring Semester and at the end of the academic school year during the re-audition process.