

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICIES

1. Dancers receive a daily participation grade, dependent on daily physical performance in all technique classes.
2. Regular, consistent attendance and physical participation in all technique classes and master classes are mandatory. Excessive absences excused or unexcused and lack of physical participation in any dance class may result in one of the following:
 - A. Removal from the Kinder HSPVA Concert Dancers
 - B. Demotion in Class Level
 - C. Kinder HSPVA Art Area Probation and/or Kinder HSPVA Participation Probation
 - D. Release from the Kinder HSPVA Magnet Program

In the event of an extended medical issue that exceeds 3 days or more, the Dance Department requires the Kinder HSPVA Dance Medical Information form filled out by Doctor– stating the physical limitations of the injury with a time-line for students to return to full physical activity. Dance at Kinder HSPVA is a rigorous physical program and the safety of each dancer is our priority and concern. We hope each parent understands our request for as much information on a student's injury or illness to help the Kinder HSPVA Dance Faculty provide a safe environment for students to heal and return to dance class as quickly as possible. Written work can be assigned on request in unique cases that a student is unable to participate physically for an extended period.

3. Students unable to participate physically in dance classes due to an injury or illness (ND = No Dance) are not allowed to use dance class time as a study lab to do outside academic homework or to sleep. They must remain with the class and observe the entire technique class.
4. Any student who skips a dance class for an invalid reason will receive a "P" in conduct and be turned into the AP for disciplinary action. The student will also receive a zero for their daily participation grade in that dance class.
5. Dress Violations – Failure to observe the Kinder HSPVA Dance Dress policies will result in a half point deduction for each violation per dance class. (½ - jewelry, ½ - leotard, ½ - tights, ½ - hair = 2-point deduction)
6. Physical Participation deductions – (ND = No Dance) is equivalent to a ½ point deduction. For example, 2 classes of not participating physically in a dance class, (ND + ND = 1-point deduction.)
7. Students who are unable to provide and wear the proper shoes designated for each dance technique class will receive a **3-point deduction daily**. Physical participation in the dance class without proper footwear will be up to the discretion of the Dance Faculty. If a student chooses to not participate (ND) due to missing proper footwear (Pointe, Tap, Character, Partnering) for specified technique class, they will receive the **3-point deduction** automatically without a note from a doctor or parent on file in dance office.
8. Students who have accumulated more than 3-point deductions for a grading cycle, dress or participation, will have remaining points accumulated and deducted from their 6-week cycle **Credit 4/Dance Average. Example** – Claire has 6-point deductions for Cycle 1. Claire's Cycle 1 Dance Average = 90, with point deductions after initial 3 points, Claire's Cycle Dance Average will now be marked = 87.
9. Tardy Policy – 3 tardy violations to any dance class will result in a lunchtime detention. 4 or more Tardy violations will result in a conduct cut plus 1-day detention assignment for every tardy exceeding the first 3.
10. Any student who is chewing gum or eating in any dance technique, theory class or rehearsal will receive a conduct cut and possible detention assignment and or discipline referral to the AP.
11. HISD attendance policies state that a student will not receive course credit if they have 3 unexcused absences. This policy includes co-curricular activities. Course Credit can be recovered with completion of community service assignment made by the Kinder HSPVA Administration.



PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES at Kinder HSPVA

All Kinder HSPVA dance majors who meet the requirements of their Kinder HSPVA Student Entrance Agreement and the Kinder HSPVA Dance Contract are eligible to audition for the All – School Productions and Kinder Events. All Level III & IV dance majors who meet the requirements of their Kinder HSPVA Entrance Agreement and the Kinder HSPVA Dance Contract are eligible to be selected for the Fall and Spring Dance Concerts and the Senior Dance Recital. All Level I & II dance majors will be featured in the Kinder HSPVA Dance Showcase I & II in late April.

YOUNG AUDIENCES'

Young Audiences of Houston/Kinder HSPVA Concert Dancers is a select group of students chosen from the Kinder HSPVA Concert Dancers to perform for elementary schools throughout the Houston area. This is the twenty-five year the Concert Dancers have been selected by Young Audiences' of Houston to be a part of their adult professional roster. The Young Audiences' show, **All About Dance** is under the direction of Mrs. Carothers and Ms. Jones. Students can be removed from the Young Audiences' show at any time based on faculty discretion.

Kinder HSPVA DANCE PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Kinder HSPVA Dance Department has four major production projects each year. The **Fall & Spring Dance Concerts**, the **Senior Dance Recital** and the **Dance Showcase I & II**. Each production is part of the required Kinder HSPVA Dance curriculum, which is approved by HISD and the state. Mandatory attendance/assistance is required for these dance curriculum projects. Inability to attend and participate in any of these events will result in a failing production or repertory grade. Casting for faculty and guest choreographed works and Crew assignment is up to the discretion of the faculty. All PM dance majors will perform a crew assignment plus attend the dance concerts as an audience member for the Fall & Spring Dance Concerts and attend the Senior Dance Recital Preview or the Senior Dance Recital. Majority of rehearsals will be scheduled during the school AM/PM dance blocks **including Friday**. Technical Rehearsals, Performances and Guest Choreographer rehearsals will happen after school when setting work. If a dancer is not available during their dance block consistently for technique classes and repertory rehearsals their casting may be limited and or removed from production.

CO-CURRICULAR - Off Campus Request

Written request for permission to participate in outside Kinder HSPVA activities must be submitted to Dance Faculty Chair – Janie Carothers for approval at least 2 weeks prior to outside performances. (Example – The Nutcracker) We need a letter from Performing Company Director, Producer, etc. stating event, date, and time including student name and parent/student signatures. Only one approved co-curricular activity will be allowed per semester if the student is in good academic and art area standing. Once request is approved by AP absence will be excused.

PRIVACY & COPYRIGHT

Students must respect privacy and copyright laws and, like other departments, must not post any Kinder HSPVA Dance Department photography, video of events and/or classes on any public internet site. This includes, but is not limited to, all types of postings, communications, interactions with other users on the Internet and cell phone usage. This includes all Kinder HSPVA Dance Department produced work. (i.e. Guest/Faculty rehearsals, all technique and dance master classes, video productions of the Dance Season and professional concert photography.)

PRODUCTION AND TECHNICAL REHEARSALS

IMPORTANT PRODUCTION Dates - 2022 - 2023 Kinder HSPVA Dance Season

The important, mandatory dates for the upcoming season are sacred and all Kinder HSPVA Dance Majors are involved on a production crew or performing. Please plan for your dance major to be available all-day during school and for Technical/Dress Rehearsals and Performances after school. Dance Production is part of the unique Kinder HSPVA Dance curriculum and students receive a grade for participation in all production dates below. We try to make after school rehearsals limited due to private studio instruction and civic dance company obligations; however, we expect every dance major to be present and available for all performances and rehearsals listed below.

FALL Dance Concert - Thursday & Friday - November 17 & 18, 2022 - 7pm

Tech/Staging in Denney - November 7 - 18th

Crew expected for all PM Dance Blocks plus Tech rehearsals and performances

- Tech - Act I - Friday - November 11 - 4- 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act II - Monday - November 14 - 4 - 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act I & II - Tuesday - November 15th - 4 - 7:30pm
- Dress Tech/Photo - Wednesday - November 16th - 4 - 8pm
- FDC Performances - November 17 & 18, 2022 - Call - 5pm - 7:00pm Curtain

SPRING Dance Concert - Thursday & Friday - March 9 & 10, 2023- 7pm

Tech/Staging in Denney - February 28 - March 10th

Crew expected for all PM Dance Blocks plus Tech rehearsals and performances

- Tech - Act I - Friday - March 3rd - 4- 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act II - Monday - March 6th - 4 - 7:30 pm
- Tech - Act I & II - Tuesday - March 7th - 4 - 7:30pm
- Dress Tech/Photo - Wednesday - March 8th - 4 - 8pm
- SDC Performances - March 9 & 10, 2023 - Call 5pm - 7:00pm Curtain

Senior Dance Recital Preview - Tuesday - April 18, 2023 - Studio A & B - 9 am

Senior Dance Recital - Thursday - April 27, 2023 - Denney Theatre - 4pm

- *PM dancers expected to attend Preview or Performance*

Dance Showcase I & II - Friday - April 28, 2023 - Denney Theatre - 2:30 pm - Free

Showcase Rehearsals begin during PM Dance Block - Monday - Friday - March 20 - April 28th

Level I & II Dancers are expected to attend all rehearsals and Tech/Dress - Performance

- Dress Parade & Studio Run - Thursday, April, 20
- Dance Moves in Denney - Tuesday - April, 25
- Staging begins Monday - Tuesday - April 25 - Denney Theatre - PM Dance Block
- Level I - Staging - Tech Rehearsal - Tuesday - April 25 - 4 - 5:30pm - Denney Theatre
- Level II - Staging - Tech Rehearsal - Wednesday - April 26 - 4 - 5:30pm - Denney Theatre
- Dress - PM Dance Block - Thursday - April 27th
- Performance - Friday - April 28th- 2:30 pm