

## ELIGIBILITY TO PERFORM

- **Kinder HSPVA rules stipulate** that a student who is absent on the day of a performance may not perform that evening. Students must be in attendance for all academic and physically dance in art area classes to participate in any repertory, technical or dress rehearsals two-weeks prior to the Fall & Spring Dance Concerts, Senior Dance Recital Preview/Recital and Dance Showcase I & II Concert. We encourage students to plan medical, dental, and driver's license appointments on days that do not conflict with tech week and performances during the Kinder HSPVA Dance Season.
- **Kinder HSPVA complies with the no-pass, no-play state law.** Consequently, a dance major who fails a cycle (six-week grading period) of an academic or art area credit course will become ineligible to perform in any all-school, or Kinder HSPVA Dance Concert Season – Fall & Spring Dance Concerts, Senior Dance Recital and Preview. This includes all performing cast members and crew assignments.
- The Dance Department also complies with the **Kinder HSPVA Eligibility Waiver for Advanced Placement Courses.** If a student is failing an AP or HADV (Pre-AP) course, a waiver may be filed with the Assistant Principal. A conversation with the teacher of the course and an examination of the student's grades and attendance in the course will occur to decide if eligibility should be granted. The Assistant Principal's decision is final and may not be appealed.

## DANCE OFFICE, CELL PHONE USAGE & ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

The Kinder HSPVA Dance Department Office is for the use of the HSPVA Dance Faculty only and may be used by students with faculty approval. All Kinder HSPVA Teachers can confiscate cell phones from students if they are being used outside of the designated areas and times and will be turned over to the Assistant Principal. Cell phones will also be confiscated when being used in the Dance dressing room during dance class time and dance theory courses. Student will be sent to the AP for a disciplinary referral and receive a conduct cut for dance class. *Absence Notification - In the event of an absence, AM/PM dance majors need to call the Kinder HSPVA Dance Office at 713-556-2417 or email Mrs. Carothers at [jcarothe@houstonisd.org](mailto:jcarothe@houstonisd.org) and Ms. Jones at [cjones46@houstonisd.org](mailto:cjones46@houstonisd.org) to report and give a brief explanation about absence.*

## STUDENT AND PARENT CONFERENCES

A student and/or parents are invited to make an appointment for a private conference with members of the Kinder HSPVA dance faculty during the hours of 8:30 – 3:00 pm whenever necessary. The Dance Faculty can be reached through the dance office by **calling 713-556-2417 to leave a message** or a parent can **email** us at the following:

- **Janie Carothers – Kinder HSPVA Dance Chair - [jcarothe@houstonisd.org](mailto:jcarothe@houstonisd.org)**
- **Courtney Jones – Kinder HSPVA Dance Faculty – [cjones46@houstonisd.org](mailto:cjones46@houstonisd.org)**

Most teachers and parents have complex work schedules and wanting to prepare our dance majors for the adult world, we strongly encourage all dance majors to initiate their own personal conferences with the Kinder HSPVA Dance Faculty. Our hope by initiating this process is to guide and help students learn how to communicate, understand and problem solve for themselves. Self-Advocacy is a skill that Kinder HSPVA fosters in all our young artists on campus.

## DANCE LETTERS of RECOMMENDATION

Dance Majors who need a Dance Recommendation for College/University or Summer dance programs **must ask personally** Mrs. Carothers or Ms. Jones **two weeks prior to due date of recommendation.** The teacher has full discretion to grant or refuse writing recommendation. The two-full-time teachers of record are the only Kinder HSPVA Dance Faculty members that can write a recommendation representing your education in Dance at Kinder HSPVA. Seniors must ask faculty by last day of school for following year. ***All Dance Majors must ask faculty personally for recommendation (summer study, scholarships, internships) before the two-week due date of recommendation to be considered.***

## SENIOR DANCE AWARD

Since HSPVA's first graduation in 1974, the dance faculty has presented a Senior Dance Award for Excellence to the department's most outstanding graduating seniors. The award is based on the following criteria: **Versatility, Reliability, A Cooperative Spirit with Students and Faculty and Service to the Dance Department.** To be considered, a student must have been a dance major for two consecutive years.

## MARY MARTHA LAPPE AWARD

The William Franklin Carleton Endowment established this Dance award in 1997 in honor of Mrs. Mary Martha Lappe, HSPVA's Dance Department founder and chair for 25 years. The purpose of this monetary award is to recognize an outstanding dancer who reflects the same criteria as the Senior Dance Award and who also wishes to pursue a career in dance. Students can apply for this scholarship through HSPVA Friends.

## Kinder HSPVA DANCE CERTIFICATE

Because of the high artistic and rigorous academic standards students must meet for admission to and graduate from Kinder HSPVA, the Houston Independent School District grants Kinder HSPVA the privilege of bestowing a special recognition (Art Area Certificate) on those students who meet and exceed the following specified standards and normal graduation requirements. Senior Dance majors who have attended Kinder HSPVA for two consecutive years and have maintained an 80 or above on their Senior Dance Project and Senior Solo will receive a Kinder HSPVA DANCE certificate.

## DANCE ART AREA - HIGHEST HONORS AND HONORS

The top five percent of dance majors will graduate with Highest Honors in Dance and the next five percent will graduate with Dance Honors. The student's art area grade point average is based solely on grades received in all the student's dance art area classes at Kinder HSPVA. To graduate with Highest Honors or Honors in Dance, the student must also be eligible to receive the Kinder HSPVA Dance Certificate and have attended the school for at least four years and as a dance major for the final three years in the same art area.

## ED AND BIRDIE DAWLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – SUMMER INTENSIVE

The Ed and Birdie Dawley Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a need-based and merit-based junior dance major who will be attending a summer dance intensive. Students are selected on their talent, skill, technical growth, self-discipline, leadership and dedication to achieving excellence in the arts. The Dawley's bountiful generosity makes it possible for this scholarship to be awarded yearly in each of the school's art areas. Students can apply for scholarship through HSPVA Friends.

## PROFESSIONAL DANCE PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT – (one per year)

Every Kinder HSPVA Dance Major will be required to attend ONE outside professional dance performance for the year of a professional dance performance. Each student will need to show proof of attendance in the form of a program and or ticket stub/QR code attached to a performance review. One review is required either at the end of Cycle 3 or Cycle 6 and will count 10% of **Credit #4 – Dance Average**. Due dates and performance review requirements will be outlined in Dance Composition 1-4, Dance Nutrition and Survey & Senior Lab. ***Performance review with attachments is due the following Friday after performance event.*** **Place hard copy of reviews** in performance box in Dance office. This assignment will count for 10% of your Dance Average. No reviews will be accepted once Finals begin each semester. (12/14, 5/22) **If a dance major does not fulfill this requirement, they will receive a zero for review.**

## ART AREA PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE – NON-DANCE (one per semester)

Every Dance Major will be required to attend 2 Kinder HSPVA non-dance performing events and will count 10% of **Credit #4 – Dance Average** per semester. This may include a performance art piece, a jazz, symphony, vocal, orchestra, piano, mariachi concert, theatre production or a creative writing event. Please note, art openings and gallery show DO NOT COUNT. Each student will need to show proof of attendance in the form of a program, ticket stub, virtual link/email attached to a performance review. ***Performance review with attachments is due the following Friday after performance event.*** One review will be accepted each semester and will count 10% of **Credit #4 – Dance Average**. Place reviews in performance box in Dance office. No reviews will be accepted once Finals begin each semester. (12/14, 5/22)