

Dance I-IV

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Overview: This course includes the study of six major styles of dance: Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Modern, Social Dance/World Dances, and Lyrical. This is a two semester course in which the student will learn the basic fundamentals of each style of dance.

Required Attire:

- Jazz pants, yoga pants, other athletic pants, or shorts (no jean shorts) are necessary. No pajama pants.
- Fitted top that is school appropriate (any color). Tops must fully cover the chest area and must not be see through.
- No Jewelry that could be a safety hazard- large earrings and long necklaces.
- If possible, please wear tan jazz shoes. If not, bare feet are acceptable. For safety reasons, please do not dance in your socks. Tennis shoes are acceptable for Hip-Hop.

Grading Policy:

Classwork/Participation 45%

Homework 10%

Quizzes 15%

Projects/Tests 30%

Participation consists of the student dressing out for class and dancing each day. Doing both will earn the student a score of 100% for that day. Students who do not dress out in the required attire will still be expected to participate and will earn a score of 70% for that day. Refusal to participate will result in a score of 0% for that day.

Students who are sick or injured must have their parent or guardian email me to inform me of the student's case. My contact information is: lauren.harrington@houstonisd.org

A note from the school nurse will also be more than sufficient when a student is feeling ill.

Students who are sick or injured will be given an alternate written assignment to complete during class. Failure to complete the assignment will result in a score of 0%.

Class Performance: Students will be asked to perform in front of their peers each six weeks, as part of their exams. If circumstances allow- and Covid does not restrict us- students will also be asked to perform for family and friends in a concert during second semester.

Classroom Procedures:

- Be dressed in the required dance attire.
- Be on the floor in your roll call lines 5 minutes following the bell.
- Do not bring any food or drink into the dance studio.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.

- Be respectful to the dance instructor and to your peers.
- Respect others property.

Dance Studio Behavior Expectations:

Our dance classes are expected to foster and facilitate a culture of respect. As individual classes, we will create a class social contract by which every student will be held responsible. This contract is vital in our success as dancers and as respectful human beings. Students who choose not to respect and abide by the contract in our studio will be choosing consequences for themselves.

Consequences:

- 1st offense: Student-Teacher Conference
- 2nd offense: Contact parent
- 3rd offense: Referral to Deans

Parent Conference: An appointment is required for all parent conferences.