

SYLLABUS

DANCE I, II, III & IV

In compliance with the district policies, the nine weeks grades will be computed as follows:

Formative Grades = 40%

Participation in class

Dressing out

Summative Grades = 60%

Written tests

Skills tests

Each semester contains two nine weeks grading periods. The semester grade will be computed by averaging the two nine weeks with the final exam. The final exam will be 20% of the semester grade.

PARTICIPATION- the student's individual effort to actively participate in all areas of class work to his maximum ability as measured by the instructor.

Each class a student may earn up to **25 points for participation**. However, if a student is unable to participate due to absence, failure to dress out or injury, these points cannot be earned. Therefore, the following should be understood:

1. **IN CASE OF ABSENCE:** For each day absent students must write a full, one page report on any aspect of dance. The student has the same number of days to complete make-up work as number of days absent. This is the only way to earn lost points. Unexcused absences are automatic zeros.
2. **IN CASE A STUDENT FAILS TO DRESS OUT:** Students will be unable to participate therefore no credit will be awarded for dressing out and participation.
3. **IN CASE OF INJURY: (Please note additional information on this matter).** Students will be required to complete a page of notes over the material covered in class and hand them in at the end of the period for a possible 25 points. **(If excused by a doctor's note).**

The teacher does not have the authority to accept PARENTAL NOTES excusing the student from class participation for any reason including illness. All students are encouraged to put forth their best effort at all times. If a student is unable to participate due to illness or injury, a DOCTOR'S NOTE stating the following is required:

1. **The reason for non-activity**
2. **How long the student is incapacitated**
3. **Specific activities the student is restricted from performing.**

DRESS OUT- the students will be required to change from school attire to the assigned dance workout attire which consists of the following:

Girls – leotard or tank, dance pants or shorts & appropriate dance shoes.

Boys – t-shirt or tank, shorts or dance pants

Each day a student may earn up to **25 points for proper dress out**. Students will not be allowed to participate if they are not dressed out. (No credit will be awarded)

TESTS – Each unit covered in the dance class will be tested with a written and skills test.

1. SKILLS TESTS – graded on the individual’s ability to complete a given component.
2. WRITTEN TESTS – vocabulary, recognition and essay tests.

TARDIES - Each time a student is tardy to class, he/she must sign in the tardy log notebook.

1. Students must be in the dance room when the tardy bell rings.
2. Students have five minutes to get dressed out and begin stretching.

EXTRA CREDIT - Students may work for extra credit throughout the semester. Points earned will be averaged into the six weeks grade. Extra credit questions are given on most tests. Other ways to earn points are:

1. Writing one page summaries or critiques on dance performances, show or musicals.
2. Helping after school on the production of the dance concert.

CLASS RULES:

1. Be considerate
2. Be courteous
3. Be flexible
4. Be on time
5. Be prepared
6. Be mature
7. Be reliable
8. Be responsible
9. Be the best you can be
10. Be yourself

If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to talk to me. Please feel free to call me at 972-968-5289. Keep this syllabus for future reference.

Requirements for Dance Concert

Dance I

Performance is Optional

Performance requirements	Non-performance requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class participation• Attend all rehearsals• Perform in dance concert• Write a self-evaluation & critique of department preparation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class participation• Attend dance concert• Write a (minimum)4 page critique of the performance• Write a self-evaluation & critique of department preparation.• Help where needed.

Dance II, III & IV

Performance in both concerts is required

Performance requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class participation• Attend all rehearsals• Perform in dance concert• Write a self-evaluation & critique of department preparation.

Dance I, II, III & IV

The dance concert is a major portion of your grade. Failure to meet dance concert requirements will lower your grade. Dancers with 10 absences or dancers that do not dress out 3 times will be unable to perform. They will then be required to follow the non-performance requirements listed above.

FALL
MANDATORY DANCE CONCERT
DATES

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2009

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL

2:45 PM- 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2009

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL

2:45 PM - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4, 2009

DRESS REHEARSAL

2:35 PM - 5:30 PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2009

CALL 4:45

INFORMAL RUN OF SHOW 5:00 - 6:00

COMPANY MEETING 6:00 - 6:15

COSTUMES & MAKEUP 6:15 - 6:50

CURTAIN 7:00 PERFORMANCE

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SPRING
MANDATORY DANCE CONCERT
DATES

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2010

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL

2:45 PM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2010

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL

2:45 PM - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2010

DRESS REHEARSAL

2:35 PM- 5:30 PM

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2010

CALL 4:45

INFORMAL RUN OF SHOW 5:00 - 6:00

COMPANY MEETING 6:00 - 6:15

COSTUMES & MAKEUP 6:15 - 6:50

CURTAIN 7:00 PERFORMANCE

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