

## **Dance II 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade**

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Welcome to Dance Level II. We will discuss and learn about the importance of technique in various styles of dance and talk about the importance of stretching for dance.

Students will also engage in different strengthening and flexibility exercises for dancers.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also have the opportunity to choreograph their own routines in small groups throughout the year. We will also be incorporating dance history/vocabulary lessons that will coincide with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Interdisciplinary theme.

### **Dance styles we will be discussing/learning:**

Conditioning for Dance

Ballet

Latin/Ballroom

Hip Hop

Jazz

Lyrical

Broadway

### **Your grade is based on the following: (Grades are updated 1x a week)**

**\*\* Dress out:** PE uniform/ Dance Shoes (Dress out will be announced prior to its start)

**\*\* Participation:** Come to class on time with the required materials and participate during the lessons/discussions.

**\*\* Behavior:** Following classroom rules/procedures.

                    Show respect for your fellow peers and teacher.

**\*\* 1 in class project** each quarter

**\*\* Health** will also be incorporated for 1-2 quarters during the year. This will be announced at a later date.

### **Class Expectations**

**\*\* "Give Me 5"!**

1. Eyes on the speaker
2. Be quiet
3. Sit or stand still
4. Hands free (put things down/ stop working)
5. Listen!

Come to class on time and prepared for class! Be sure you have your agendas!

## **Tardy Policy**

\*It is extremely important for students to be on time to class.

\*If a student is late and there isn't a teacher present, the student must report to the office to be escorted by an available faculty member. Students are not permitted to cross the street without teacher/faculty supervision.

\*If a student comes tardy without a pass from another teacher or faculty member this will be recorded as an unexcused tardy. Remember, (3) tardies earn a detention!

## **Classroom Rules**

1. Show respect for others when they are speaking.
2. Raise your hand.
3. Street shoes are not permitted beyond the changing area. They must be removed and placed neatly in or by the lockers.
4. No gum/candy/food/drink of any kind is permitted in the dance room!

## **Classroom Procedures**

1. Students will enter the dance room quietly and dress out when the bell rings.
2. All students will then sit quietly in their assigned seats and begin their bell work.
3. When the daily lesson begins all students will remain quiet and raise their hand if they have any questions.
4. The in class bathroom may be used the first 10 minutes of class. If you need to use the bathroom during the lesson, you must raise your hand and ask permission.

## **SSA+S Classroom Discipline Consequences**

1st Offense: Visual (The Look) or Verbal Warning

2nd Offense: Behavior Essay #1 parent notification (via phone)

3rd Offense: Behavior essay #2 parent notification (via phone)

4th Offense: In school morning detention (4 detentions= suspension)

5th Offense: County Referral (one or more days out of school suspension)

\* Refusal for student to write classroom rules, a behavior essay, or to serve morning detention will be considered a 5th offense.

\* If an offense, at the discretion of the teacher, is severe enough, the first two steps can be omitted resulting in the third step, as long as a phone call from the teacher accompanies this action of discipline.

**Injury or illness**

1. If a student has an injury and is not permitted to participate for more than a week, they must bring in a **doctor's note**. The note must specify the exact dates the student will be unable to participate.
2. If a student is going to be out for a shorter amount of time (1 week or less), a **parent/guardian's** written note is acceptable. The note must also specify the exact dates the student will be unable to participate.
3. If notes are handed in on the correct day, the student will be marked as excused.

**Uniform Requirements**

1. SSA+S PE t-shirt with emblem only!
2. SSA+S navy/black shorts with emblem only!
3. SSA+S navy or black sweat pants (solid colors)
4. Dance students are also permitted to wear **Black** yoga/dance/athletic pants or capri's. No embellishments! No gaucho pants! No leggings!
5. SSA+S sweatshirts are not to be worn during dance class!
6. Ballet/Jazz Shoes or Jazz sneakers **are required** for dance class!

\*\* Shoes can be purchased online at the following locations:

**Internet**

- www.discountdance.com
- [www.onlinedancewear.com](http://www.onlinedancewear.com)
- www.justforkix.com

**Local Stores**

- Daisy's Dancewear – Gulfgate Area
- Alice Blue Gown- University Area
- La Pointe- Cattleman Area

**Questions and Concerns**

If you have any questions please contact me via e-mail or phone.

\* Please read and sign below. Detach and return on:

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I have read and understand the syllabus and guidelines for Dance II.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date