

HOPEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE DEPARTMENT SYLLABUS

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OBJECTIVES:

- To learn self-discipline, self-confidence, and dedication through dance using the body as an expressive instrument
- To explore different dance styles and techniques through various exercises in movement
- To develop a dance vocabulary
- To develop various choreographic skills
- To develop kinesthetic awareness
- To develop an understanding of dance history as well as the importance of dance around the world

RULES/EXPECTATIONS:

- Display respect in all actions at all times
- **Be on time and be prepared with dress out clothes EVERYDAY**
- Absolutely NO food or drink (except water) in dance class
- Restroom is only to be used during dressing out time, not during the class period.
- Bathroom stalls are not for changing; Please change in the locker room
- Work hard and have fun!

CONSEQUENCES:

- Verbal Warning
- Call/Note Home
- Discipline Referral
- Conference with student, teacher, parent, and principal
- Dismissal from Dance department

REWARDS:

- Personal achievement and improvement in class
- Verbal Praise
- Extra Credit
- Call/Note Home

CLASS PROCEDURES:

Dressing out:

When the tardy bell rings, students should be inside PE locker room. Students will have 5 minutes from the time the bell rings to get dressed out in dancewear. Students WILL NOT be allowed back into the locker room until the end of class. Female and male students should wear the required Hopewell Dance Department T-shirt that can be purchased from Ms. Hanrahan. All attire should fit properly and not be oversized and baggy or too tight. Offensive clothing will not be allowed. Students that do not dress out will still be expected to participate in classroom procedures and activities. Clothing worn to school is not considered dressed out. **YOU MUST CHANGE CLOTHES AND WEAR ALL BLACK!** Students will have 5 minutes to change back into school clothes at the end of each class. Students are expected to dress out **EVERY SINGLE DAY**. Once they are dressed back out, they may not leave the locker room until the bell rings.

Tardies:

You must be in the locker room by the tardy bell. We will walk to the dance portable after 5 minutes of dressing out and go to our attendance lines.

Jewelry:

No jewelry is allowed with the exception of small stud earrings. This is for safety reasons and will be enforced. Please lock jewelry in assigned locker in locker room.

Hair:

All hair should be pulled back into a ponytail or bun. If your hair is too short please secure it from your face with a headband or bobby pins.

Dance Journal and assignments:

You will be responsible for keeping a dance journal. There is a space in the classroom for you to keep it. If you take it home to study or for any reason please bring it back the next day.

Locker Room:

You are responsible for bringing a combination lock to put on your dance locker. You **MUST** keep all items locked in your locker at all times including dance class time. Hopewell Middle School and Ms. Hanrahan are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please make sure that all items are locked up and the locker door is fully closed once your items are in the locker. **YOU MAY NOT TAKE YOUR CELL PHONE OUT IN THE LOCKER ROOM.**

GRADING SYSTEM:

Hopewell Middle School Dance Grading Protocols for 2018-2019

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| <p>50% Daily Grades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dressing out properly● Actively engaged in class | <p>30% Major</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Performances● Projects● Skills Test● Vocab/Dance History Tests | <p>20% Written</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Journal assignments● Vocabulary Assignments |
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Retesting or Redoing

Students scoring below “70” on a Major (Summative) Grade shall be allowed (or may be required) to redo the assignment/test (or similar) after completing prerequisite work. The higher grade, with a maximum of “70”, shall be recorded. Retesting/redoing should be completed within five school days (unless the teacher makes alternative provision for extenuating circumstances).

Late Work:

An assignment is considered late if it is not turned in by the period that student has dance class. Students will be allowed to turn in late work. The student will receive ten points off for each day that the assignment is late. Exceptions to this policy will be the Dance performances, as well as the makeup assignment for students not performing in the show. The performance will not be allowed to be made up. The students that have pre-approval to not participate in the show will have to complete an alternate assignment. They will be given three weeks in class prior to the due date to work on this assignment. This assignment will not be allowed to be turned in late.

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may be obtained by the dance teacher. These can be done by any student that has dressed out AND participated every day for those six weeks in class. These must be approved by the teacher ahead of time.

Dance Class Stipulations:

Daily personal engagement grade: Every day a daily grade will be taken. Points will be earned or taken away according to the student’s choices. Students are eligible to make a grade of 100 points every day. These daily grades will be averaged together to create one major grade for each week of the six weeks. That means each six weeks you will have six major grades based off of your daily grade.

- *Dressing out in proper dance attire = 50 points
- *Participating in all class activities = +50 points
100 points for the day

- *NOT dressing out in proper dance attire = -50 points
- *NOT participating in ALL class activities = -50 points
0 points for the day

Areas where points may be lost:

- Chewing gum- 25 points
- Disruptive behavior- 0-50 points
- Hair not pulled back- 25 points
- Excessive talking- 0-50 points
- Not dressed out correctly- 25 points
- Tardy to attendance block- 25 points
- Not participating- 0-50 points
- Jewelry-25 points
- Disrespectful behavior towards your teacher and/or peers- 0-50 points

Absent Work:

If a student is absent, their daily grade will be a zero. It is their responsibility to see the teacher for missed assignments. This zero can be made up through written work assigned by teacher. For each day that a student is not physically present in class, they must complete a "Makeup work for Dance Class" paper. The papers will be on the dance website at all times. You have until the Friday BEFORE the six weeks is over to turn in the makeup work. The exception would be for absences that occur on the last week of the six weeks. Those assignments are due the day following the absence.

Written Assignments:

Written assignments include journals, worksheets, papers, choreography evaluations and choreography critiques.

Journals:

Often students will be given a journal prompt on which to write. Each entry should be at least 3-4 sentences in length. Students may include anything of importance to their dance education and growth, in addition to the prompt given.

Technique assessments/ Written Exams/Projects:

Students will be tested on the material covered in class including technique, vocabulary, history, and choreography. We will also do skills tests to assess knowledge of the skills taught as well as projects.

Performances:

Dance class students get the opportunity to perform each year. The performance are based off of your dance class level. These performances and rehearsals are a major grade. Those students who do not participate in their assigned performances will receive a grade of zero for a test grade. Please note the dates for these performances ahead of time and plan accordingly. You have until September 4, 2018 to report any conflicts for the dance shows and rehearsals. Please give these dates to all extracurricular activity sponsors, church, family, friends, etc and let them know NOW that you are required to be at these events. You are required to be at the rehearsals and performances unless it was approved prior to the September 4th date.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CLASS:

- Dance Department t-shirt (order form attached, due Aug. 24), black yoga pants or leggings, and black jazz shoes. Jazz shoes can be purchased through any dance supply store or online. Links to suggested stores are on the Hopewell Dance website.
- Composition book or spiral labeled with your name and a writing utensil (pen or pencil)
- Combination Lock (Due August 20th)

Cell Phones

Unless instructed by Ms. Hanrahan, you MAY NOT have your cell phone in the dance room or the locker room. Per Hopewell Middle School policy, if a cell phone is seen it will be taken up and sent to the front office.

First offence: Phone will be taken up by teacher and sent to front office. Student can pick up their phone at the end of the day.

Second offence: Phone will be taken up by teacher and sent to front office. Parent will be contacted to come pick up the phone.

Third offence: Phone will be taken up by a teacher and sent to front office. Parent will be contacted to come pick up the phone and pay a fine.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

The following dates are listed below to provide advanced warning for performance opportunities. Students should make arrangements now to be available for these performance dates that apply to them. It is not possible to make up a performance such as this. Make arrangements with family and employers now so that problems do not arise later.

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| Advanced Dance (7th pd) Dance II (2nd pd) | October 19, 2018 | RRISD Intersection Dress Rehearsal | 6-7:30 pm |
| Advanced Dance (7th pd) Dance II (2nd pd) | October 20, 2018 | RRISD Intersection Performance | 3:30 pm (advanced) 12:30 pm(dance II) |
| Advanced Dance (7th pd) | March 13, 2019 | Stony Point Spring Show Rehearsal | TBA (most likely 4 pm) |
| Advanced Dance (7th pd) | Either March 15-16 2019 (exact date TBD) | Stony Point Spring Show | TBA |
| ALL DANCE CLASSES | May 2, 2019 | Hopewell Middle School Spring Show Rehearsal | TBA |
| ALL DANCE CLASSES | May 3, 2019 | Hopewell Middle School Spring Show | TBA |

Parent/Student Signature:

I have received and read over the Hopewell Middle School Dance Department's Syllabus. I have full understanding of the objectives, rules and expectations, consequences, rewards, class procedures, grading system, supplies needed, and dates to remember. I understand that the student is responsible for earning their grade and will not simply be given a grade. If the student follows the above syllabus, they will be rewarded. If they do not follow the syllabus, there will be consequences. This entire syllabus packet will remain on the dance department website if questions arise throughout the year about policies and procedures.

Student Name: _____ Class pd: _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Parent Email Address _____

Thank you for your parental support! Please call or email any time if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you at your student's fall and spring performances!

This signature page is due back on August 20th, 2018 and will be a grade

Please Let me know if there are any conflicts with the performances that pertain to your child:

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T-Shirt Order Form

Student Name _____

Class Period _____

Order form is due 8/24/2018. All students in dance classes must purchase a T-Shirt.

| Size | # of Shirts | | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| XS | | X \$10 | \$ |
| S | | X \$10 | \$ |
| M | | X \$10 | \$ |
| L | | X \$10 | \$ |
| XL | | X \$10 | \$ |
| XXL | | X \$10 | \$ |
| GRAND TOTAL: | | | \$ |