

**BHS Dance Class Syllabus**  
**Dance Levels 1-4**  
**2024-2025**  
**Teacher Information**  
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**Course Introduction:**

Dance Level One is a fine arts course that incorporates aesthetic movement and the creative process. This class is performance-oriented and will explore movement to tell a story, convey emotion, and entertain. By practicing and challenging ourselves we'll perform advanced level skills and choreography. Topics we'll explore: health & wellness, anatomy, composition, production, performance, and pedagogy. Styles/Genres we'll train in: ballet, modern, lyrical, contemporary, jazz, commercial dance, hiphop, social, and folk.

**Course Goals:**

- Master movement principles and skills
- Develop self-discipline, healthy & positive body perception/habits
- Move expressively, efficiently and safely
- Improvement in: poise, body control, flexibility, balance, strength, coordination, cross-curricular synthesis, collaboration and independent practice.

**Supplies:**

- District Issued Laptop
- Laptop Charger
- Dance Attire (see below)
- Lock for locker

**Dance Attire:**

The following attire is **required**:

*Ladies*

- Black leggings, joggers or sweatpants - below knee length and down, no patterns, can have a small logo
- Black t-shirt or tank top
- Socks

*Gentlemen*

- Black exercise pants, joggers or sweatpants
- Black t-shirt or tank top
- Socks

No loose, baggy, or extremely revealing clothing may be worn. No dangly or excessive jewelry. Hair must be worn up and out of your face at all times. Proper hygiene and deodorant is required.

**Students must dress out for every class.**

**\*\* A student who does not dress out will be required to participate but lose points from their dance class etiquette grade\*\***

## **Evaluation and Grading:**

Grades are a combination of daily grades and major grades.

Major Grades: 50% Unit Tests, projects, presentations, movement exams and performances

Daily Grades: 50% Participation, quizzes, dressing out and skill checks

## **Schoology:**

Our class will utilize Schoology occasionally. This will allow students to interact with online work, online assignments and online tests. This will also allow you to go back and review work or choreography, and complete additional written/performance assignments. Students will be responsible for posted due dates on Schoology.

## **Important Events**

*Halftime Halloween Performance* (Saturday, October 26th, 2024)

Students will need to be in good standing at BHS to participate. Teacher approval is required to perform.

Deadline to register is: Thursday, September 26th, 2024. More information will be provided closer to the event.

*Bush Annual Dance Concert* (May 2024)

All students are **required** to perform in this showcase. Their performance will account for one major grade for the 4th nine weeks. Parents & students are responsible for any purchase of costume required for this performance. Cost will not exceed \$50.

## **Dance Class Guidelines:**

1. Dress code is required. See above for guidelines.
2. Loitering in the locker room is prohibited. Expectation is that you return to the studio after you dress in/out.
3. You will be given 5 minutes after the bell to change. If you are not in the dance studio after 5 minutes, you will be required to sign the tardy log and be marked tardy.
4. If you're tardy, you must sign the tardy roster upon entering the dance room.
5. Gum chewing or eating in the studio is prohibited. Only water is allowed in the studio.
6. If you are ill, injured, or unable to participate in class, please communicate with Mr. Bonilla and Ms. Ferguson before class begins. Depending on the situation you will be granted an observation day and be required to complete an alternate written assignment. After your second consecutive observation, proper documentation must be submitted to further be granted an observation day.
7. If you are absent, please conference with Mr. Bonilla and Ms. Ferguson to receive any missed assignments or resources that align with the Fort Bend ISD make up & late work policy.
8. Students may not leave the dance room during class without permission from Mr. Bonilla & Ms. Ferguson
9. At the end of class, students will be given 5 minutes to dress back in their school approved attire.  
**Students are not allowed to leave the room out of dress code.** Students who leave the room out of dress code will face the appropriate consequences.

### **Locker Room Expectations:**

Students are responsible for their own valuables, clothing, jewelry, cell phones, etc.

Bush High School is not responsible for any lost or stolen property.

### **Absences:**

Class - Most grades require in person participation. Making up a performance based assignment will be determined by Mr. Bonilla and Ms. Ferguson. It is encouraged that you try to be present for class and come to us to ask what you missed. No late work will be accepted after the second day.

Performances - Dance is a performance elective. Performing in showcases is an important part of dance. Students are required to perform in our annual dance show in May. Alternate assignments for missing the dance show will equate with the effort and skill it takes to perform in a recital. More information about the alternate assignment will be given closer to the show.

### **Personal Expectations:**

1. Respect school property, others & yourself
2. Communicate your needs
3. Photography and Recording is not allowed in studio
4. Cell phones, tablets and headphones must stay in your locker during class
5. Adopt a growth mindset

### **Behavior Management Plan:**

Violation of the Fort Bend ISD Code of Conduct, Dress Code, Classroom Rules, Locker Room Rules, or Dance Guidelines will result in the following:

1. Verbal Correction
2. Student/Teacher Conference
3. Parent Contact/Call
4. Referral to Assistant Principal
5. Severe student misbehavior (fighting, threats, etc.) will be immediately referred to the Assistant Principal.

### **Teacher Contact Information**

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mr. Bonilla and/or Ms. Ferguson.

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