

# Austin High School

## Dance Class Syllabus

### Dance II-IV



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#### **Purpose of Course**

Dance education strives to develop the student as a dance participant and an educated audience member. The course introduces the student to various forms of dance technique, dance history, and the creative process.

#### **Summary of Course Content**

Through daily participation in physical activities, the student will grow in various dance forms such as ballet, jazz, modern, world dance, hip-hop, and musical theatre. Studies of the related dance and their histories introduce students to various cultures, safety, health, and wellness. Exploring the creative process, students will develop their own creative skills and build confidence as performers.

#### **Grading Procedures**

Grades are determined by the following formula:

50% Daily participation and citizenship

50% Performance Skills Tests and Written Tests/Assignments

If a student is absent, they are expected to make up their test upon return to campus.

#### **Expected Outcomes**

Students will develop and refine motor skills, coordination, and kinesthetic awareness. They will develop self-confidence through performance. Students will enhance their understanding of the aesthetics of dance presentations.

#### **Suggestions for Parents**

The student will be successful in this course if she or he will stretch daily and practice dance combinations at home. Extra practice/tutorial times are available upon request

# Dance Class Rules and Procedures

## Requirements Items/Dance Attire

Students **will** provide a plain black fitted shirt, black leggings, and a combination lock.

Daily class attire for all students is "all black" movement clothing.

- Shirts may not have any artwork, logos, or designs on them.
- Shirts may be short sleeve, sleeveless, or long sleeved.
- Students may not wear crop tops, backless, see through or low front cut shirts.
  - *\*You may purchase these items at a local store (Wal-Mart, Academy, Target, etc.) or online. Shoes are optional – students are not required to wear specific dance shoes. They may wear jazz/ ballet shoes, half soles, socks or choose to dance barefoot.*
  - Here is a link with some optional/ recommended items that you can purchase online <https://www.discountdance.com/search/teacherid:121556?ListID=597542>
- Hair should be off neck, remove gum/food, NO heavy or dangling jewelry is to be worn.



## Student Participation

Each student must dress out and participate every day. Parental email prior to the start of class will excuse a student from physical participation for **ONE** day. A physician's note is required for any circumstance that the student needs to sit out of activities for more than one day. Those students that are not physically participating will be given a written assignment.

The procedures for not dressing out or failure to participate:

- Students will be deducted participation points
- Parent contact will be made if reoccurring problem occur

## Point deductions

If a student does not dress for class and/or does not participate the students will have 20 points deducted per day from the weekly participation grade.

If a student does not dress out on a skills test day, daily point deductions will be taken off test grade.

Other point deductions for infractions are as follows:

- 10 points- Incorrect top or incorrect bottoms
- 20 points- In class, or alternative school assignments not completed
- 1 to 20 points- Poor participation or unsatisfactory conduct in class or in dressing area

## Roll Call

As soon as students arrive to the dance studio, students should begin dressing out for class (or arrive to school in dance clothes and cover up). By 7:35 am students should be dressed and ready for class, sitting in their roll call spots. The locker room will be lock at roll call time. At 8:13 am students will return to the locker rooms for the last 7 minutes of class to change and use the restroom.

## General Rules

Please DO NOT:

- Touch any equipment without permission
- bring food or drink into the dance studio (Water bottle must be placed of the floor)
- Leave belongings overnight unlocked in the locker room
- Horseplay in the dance room or locker room
- Leave the room without the teacher's consent