

2020–2021 Dance 2 Placement Exam

WHEN: Saturday, June 6th from 4:00–6:00pm

WHERE: LBHS Dance Room

WHAT TO WEAR: Since the placement exam addresses three different styles of dance, students are encouraged to wear form-fitting dance/athletic attire that is appropriate for each. For example, a student may start in a leotard and spandex shorts for ballet, add a colorful shirt and jazz shoes for across the floor, and then add sweatpants for modern. For ballet, ballet shoes are recommended. For across the floor, jazz shoes are recommended. For the modern combo in the center, bare feet or socks are recommended.

WHO CAN ATTEND: Incoming freshmen and/or current LBHS students **not enrolled** in dance. Transfer students may attend a placement exam in the Fall once they are officially registered for LBHS. The placement exam is closed to the public.

WHAT HAPPENS IN AN EXAM: A placement exam is a two hour long class that includes ...

1. A ballet barre that assesses ability to use proper spinal alignment and turnout in plies, tendus, dégagés, rond de jambes, and grand battements. Barre also takes into consideration understanding of epaulement, musicality, body coordination, and overall presentation. Barre also looks at student's knowledge of ballet etiquette and grooming.
2. Across the floor progressions where students are observed for their ability to apply technique in a variety of complex combinations on the right and left side that include jazz walks with arms, chasses with directional changes, chaine turns at a medium tempo, pique turns at a medium tempo, grand battements en croix en flat at least 90 degrees, six step into at least a double pirouette, and a chasse into a saut de chat leap at least 180 degrees.
3. A 4-6 eight count modern combination in the center that demonstrates a student's overall coordination through the six patterns of total body connectivity: head/tail, body halves, cross lateral, upper/lower, core/distal, and breath.

WHEN ARE RESULTS POSTED: Students will receive an email from the Director 1-3 days after the placement exam indicating their recommended placement. All recommendations will be sent to the LBHS Counseling Office and students may follow up with their counselors to enroll in dance.

For any questions, please contact the Director at efratzke@lbusd.org.