



# ACADEMY OF THE ARTS: DANCE PATHWAY

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## Overview

Students who major in Dance at MOT Charter High School are trained in a variety of dance styles rooted in a foundation of classical ballet technique, including contemporary, modern, jazz, and musical theatre. Dancers train and perform in our on-site dance studio and full-size stage with marley floors. Dance majors are required to take at least three Dance courses before graduation, providing them with the opportunity to gain experience in a range of styles and explore creating their own choreography. Non-majors may take Tap or Dance I as an elective course, or may be placed into higher level courses with prior dance training and instructor approval.

## Dance courses at MOT Charter:

**Dance I** Introduction to dance, starting with the basics of ballet technique, contemporary, and jazz. The elements of dance, vocabulary, kinesiology, dance history, improvisation and performance are just some of the topics covered in this course.

**Dance II** Students continue to explore their relationship with dance and develop their skills. Improvisation is expanded and composition is introduced.

**Dance III** Students continue to progress their technique and apply movement elements to create their own choreography to be performed on stage.

**Dance IV** Advancing dance technique, teaching to peers, and choreographing. Honing professional skills in class and during performances.

**Dance V** A course for advanced students to challenge themselves. Emphasis on performing and creating dance pieces.

**Dance Elective** Designed with a focus on tap, turns, tricks, and leaps for the advanced dancer. It is recommended that students have at least one year of dance technique in classic styling.

**\*Students in all dance courses perform at our Winter and Spring Arts Expos.**

