

## Dance Department

### **Introduction:**

The Dance Department Courses at Randolph High School is offered to students in grades 9-12 and is a full year five credit elective course. Students are placed into proper levels (Introductory, Intermediate, or Advanced) based on their previous dance experience and/or approval of instructor. Randolph Dance Education is designed to introduce students to various styles of dance technique. They will be exposed to Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop, Improvisation, and Multi-Cultural dance forms throughout the year. In addition to taking class, students will also gain knowledge and aesthetic awareness of dance in its historical, cultural, and social contexts. They will develop a strong understanding of the choreographic process by continuously crafting their own work through improvisation and in-class movement assignments. This course will also allow students to form a valid framework for observing and analyzing dance through media and live performance. Dancers have many opportunities to perform their own work as well as the choreography of their instructor. Infused within these various units is the realization and recognition that Dance Education contributes to a healthy lifestyle as well as fostering self-confidence and developing great social skills. Dance enables our students to become creative thinkers, allowing these artists to discover new ways to approach problem solving in other areas of academic study. Students will leave open minded, self-assured, and confident to fully engage themselves in the art of dance as well as in everyday life.

Course Recommendation Process:

### **Incoming Freshman:**

*Any student that is interested in taking Dance as a freshman is advised to sign up for Introduction to Dance. There are no audition requirements for Introduction to Dance. If you have many years of dance experience and feel as though you should be in Intermediate or Advanced Dance, then you must attend a placement audition in the spring. Please email [madriano@rtnj.org](mailto:madriano@rtnj.org) for placement audition information. If you do not attend an audition, you will automatically be placed into Introduction to Dance.*

### **High School Students that have already taken dance with Mrs. Adriano:**

*Any student that has already taken a dance class with Mrs. Adriano at RHS will be placed into the appropriate level by teacher recommendation. They do not have to attend a placement audition. Your level will be posted on Genesis toward the end of the year. If a student feels that they belong in a different level than is recommended, they can attend one of the placement auditions that occur in the spring. Students will need to find out the dates of the placement auditions from Mrs. Adriano.*

### **High School students who have NEVER taken Dance at RHS with Mrs. Adriano:**

*If a student that is already in high school is interested in taking the Dance elective next year, they are advised to sign up for Introduction to Dance. There are no audition requirements for Introduction to Dance. If you have many years of dance experience and feel as though you should be in Intermediate or Advanced Dance, then you must attend a placement audition in the spring. Please email [madriano@rtnj.org](mailto:madriano@rtnj.org) for placement audition information. If you do not attend an audition, you will automatically be placed into Introduction to Dance.*

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Course Title (Code)	Grade Level	Length
Introduction to Dance (DAN100)	9,10,11,12	Full Year
Intermediate Dance (DAN200)	9,10,11,12	Full Year
Advanced Dance (DAN300)	9,10,11,12	Full Year

<b>Course Title: Introduction to Dance (DAN100)</b>	
<b>Level/Grade:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Length:</b> Full Year
	<b>Pre-requisites:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b> <i>Any student that is interested in taking Dance as a freshman is advised to sign up for <u>Introduction to Dance</u>. There are no audition requirements for Introduction to Dance.</i>	

<b>Course Title: Intermediate Dance (DAN200)</b>	
<b>Level/Grade:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Length:</b> Full year
	<b>Pre-requisites:</b> Intro to Dance, or audition
<b>Course Description:</b>	

<b>Course Title: Advanced Dance (DAN300)</b>	
<b>Level/Grade:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Length:</b> Full Year
	<b>Pre-requisites:</b> Intermediate Dance, or audition.
<b>Course Description:</b>	