



Syllabus Dance 1-4

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Dance Parents & Students:

Welcome to the Barbers Hill HS Dance Program! Dance education helps students in so many ways. It provides students with a way of expressing themselves creatively, and it helps them gain confidence and body awareness. The dance program is designed to teach students fundamentals in dance and choreography, and it is intended to help students develop self-discipline and focus. Thank you for being a part of this class! Some of the areas we will cover include:

- Dance History
- Ballet
- Tap
- Jazz
- Modern
- Lyrical
- Contemporary
- Hip Hop
- Musical Theater
- Performance
- Choreography
- Physical Fitness/Nutrition
- Strength Training
- Improvisation

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students should bring dance clothes in a large sealable 3-5 gallon ziplock bag. This includes all personal items, including jazz shoes. ONLY CLEAR BAGS ARE ALLOWED in the locker room.
2. *****We will begin dressing out on August 21st.***** Students are expected to dress out daily in black ankle-length leggings, a solid black fitted shirt, and black jazz shoes. As this is a movement class, students must be dressed for movement. The first and second time students do not dress out, they will receive a daily grade of 50, but only if they participate. The 3rd time a student does not dress out, they will receive a zero, and the explanation will be noted in the gradebook. This process starts every 6 weeks.
3. Students are expected to participate in all class activities and be willing to try new movements, accept critiques, and rehearse material learned in class.
4. Students are expected to treat the dance room and locker area as a classroom. There is NO food, drinks, or gum allowed in the classroom. Only water is allowed.
5. Students are expected to seek out any missed information when absent.
6. Students are expected to turn in any written or choreographic assignment on time.
7. Cell phones are not allowed in the dance room or gym.

ASSESSMENT: Assessment is an important part of instruction. Grades will be recorded daily but then averaged and entered as weekly grades. Participation & dressing out will count as 60% of the 6 weeks grades, and written and/or performance assessments will make up the other 40%.

1. Re-testing: Students may retest if they fail a written or performance test with a 69 or below.
2. Tutorials: By appointment
3. Absences: If a student is absent for more than ONE day, they must meet with me to be given a make-up assignment. It could be written or performance-based.
4. Final Exam for Dance 1-4 is either being a Theater tech or performing in the Eaglette's Spring Show on April 5th and 6th, 2024 (Friday and Saturday) at 6pm.
5. If a student has an illness that keeps them from participating for more than 3 days, a doctor's note is required.

DANCEWEAR: All students must wear ankle-length black leggings and a solid black fitted shirt. (These are pants, NOT TIGHTS). These are available at Academy, Walmart, Target, and various other locations. Amazon carries a wide variety of black leggings. Please make sure that they are not see-through. Example: [Academy Leggings](#)

Shoes: Dancers must wear BLACK jazz shoes. (These are slip-on. No shoe laces.) These are available at Academy, Let's Dance, and Amazon. Example: [Academy Black Jazz Shoes](#)

Hair: Hair must be pulled back and off of the face and neck.

Jewelry: All dangle earrings, bracelets, and long necklaces should be removed. ID badges should be left in your locker.

Lost or Stolen Items: If your clothes are misplaced or stolen, you will only have one week to replace the items without getting points taken off your dress-out grade. It is very rare for an item to go permanently missing.

RESTROOMS: We will follow the district and campus policy for using the restroom.

CELL PHONES: Cell phones are NOT permitted in the classroom/gym or locker room and should be locked in your locker. Referrals will be assigned if this becomes a continuous issue.

CONTACT: If you have any questions, please contact me at jacqueline.bell@bhisd.net.

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