



DANCE

Supporting Student Learning Through Dance

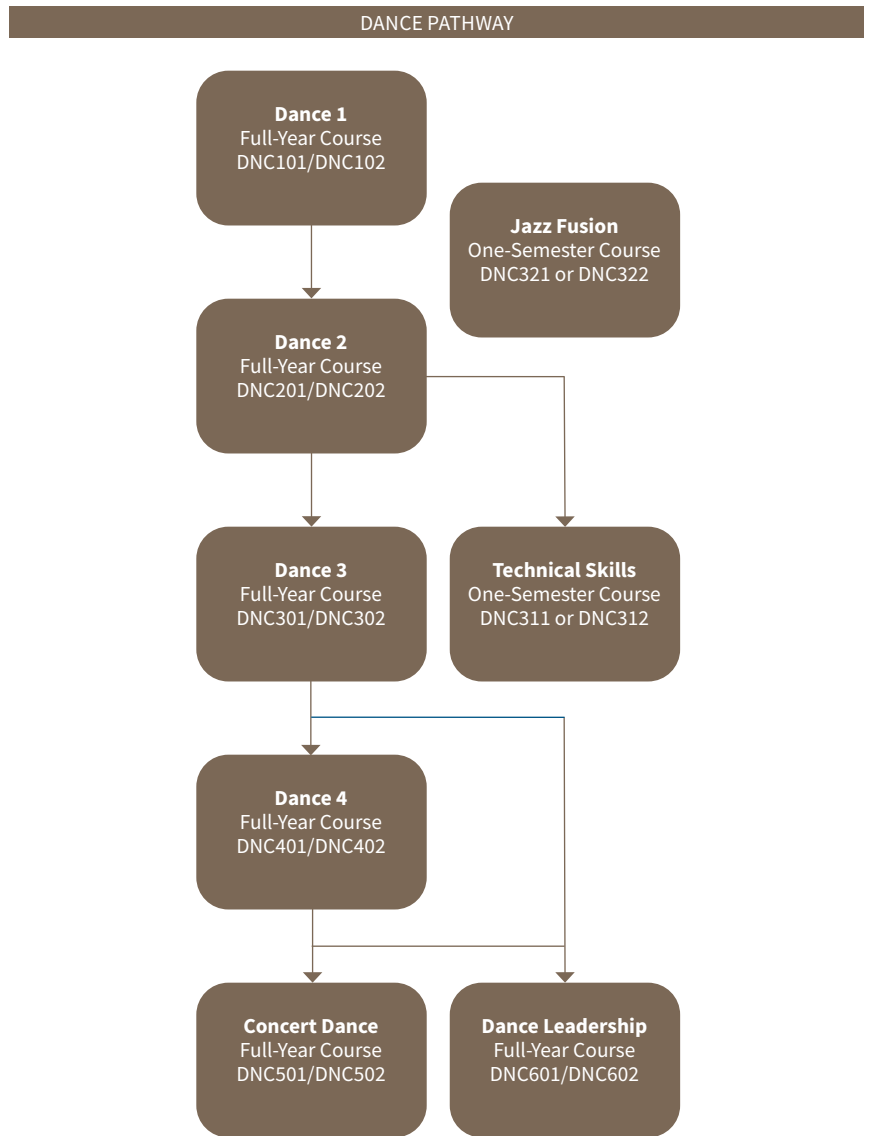


Stevenson High School provides a contemporary-based program of dance as a creative and rewarding art experience where artistic integrity and appreciation are developed. The mission of the Dance Department is to engage all students with movement experiences that support learning through the art form of dance as a creative and pleasurable practice.

Through dance, students are provided opportunities to develop body strength, agility, coordination, creative problem solving skills, organizational skills and the ability to work effectively in cooperative learning groups.

Dance Course Offerings

The Dance Department offers the following courses to students. For more detailed course descriptions, please visit the Fine Arts Division webpage at www.d125.org/fine-arts.





Dance Course Spotlight

Dance Classes perform in the Dance Demonstration during first semester and the Day of Dance during second semester. Day of Dance is a performance opportunity for all students in all dance classes. Students choreograph their own group works and perform in costume on the PAC stage. This all-day event is open to all students in the building to attend and classes are welcome to come watch and support peers as well.

Guest Artist Series also occur during both semesters for all dance students. Students take master classes from a wide variety of guest artists who specialize in specific dance forms such as Bollywood, African dance, traditional Chinese dance, hip-hop and more.

Curricular Placements and Performances

All incoming freshmen can take a dance course, which include Dance 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Students who do not have previous dance experience may register for Dance 1, with no audition necessary. Dance courses may be used in lieu of physical education and satisfies the P.E. credit. Colleges recognize this as a fine arts credit as well.

Incoming freshmen with previous dance experience and current Stevenson students who are not enrolled in a dance class may participate in dance level placements in January. Transfer students or students who wish to be reassessed for dance level placements will participate in the dance placements in August.



Capstone Dance Courses

Leadership

Dance Leadership is a course offered for students to learn and demonstrate teacher created warm-ups, across the floor and center combinations. Dance leaders will model proper technique and assist students in a peer mentoring fashion.

Performance

Concert Dance focuses on group choreography and performance. These students perform in the Winter and Spring Dance Concerts. This course is offered as a dual credit for junior and senior students. For more information about dance courses available at Stevenson please visit the Fine Arts Division webpage at www.d125.org/fine-arts.

Co-curricular Opportunities

Mélange and Repertory Dance Companies

Dance students who wish to further explore their passion for dance and explore the art of choreography may participate in a number of co-curricular activities, including the [Mélange](#) and [Repertory](#) dance companies. Students will also work with professional choreographers each semester. Participation in the companies enriches a dancer's artistic integrity, creativity, versatility, performance quality and movement vocabulary in a vigorous and disciplined setting. Students who participate in the dance companies must also be enrolled in a Stevenson dance course.

Auditions for these dance companies take place every May and December. Members of the dance companies will choreograph, teach and perform dances enhancing their well-rounded dance education. The companies consist of freshmen through senior dancers who perform in the Winter and Spring Dance Concerts. Additionally company members may participate in field trips, dance festivals and other co-curricular travel.

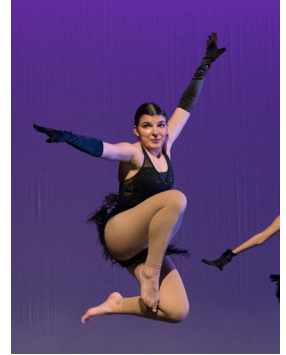
National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Dance students may participate in the [National Honor Society for Dance Arts](#), a program of the National Dance Education Organization created to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership and academic achievement in students studying dance. Students have volunteer opportunities throughout the school year to increase involvement in the Dance Department. You can follow along at [nhsda@shs](#) on Instagram.

Parent Engagement

Stevenson Dance Connection is our parent organization. Members assist with fundraising events, social gatherings and technical week prior to the performances.

For more information on how to get involved with co-curricular opportunities, please reach out to a faculty member.



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