

# HHS Dance Syllabus

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Dance is an art form that is used all over the world. We will be learning several forms of dance; as well as the technique, vocabulary, & history that go with that form. A major focus in dance is the kinesthetic awareness and expression that can be learned through movement. Students enrolled in a dance class will take away with them self- confidence, self- discipline, and poise.

## Supplies/Performances

### Supplies:

**Dance clothes** – see dress-out expectations below.

### **Order Form Due Aug. 23**

Dance Students – Required to order dance tights for performances. All other items are optional.

**Water Bottles** - Students should always bring a filled water bottle to class (must have a spill proof lid).

**Combination Lock** – Only needed if choosing to use a locker and want to use own lock. Teacher is not responsible for neglected items.

### Shows/Performances:

Performance participation is required by all students enrolled in dance class.

### **December Performance: Tentative dates**

Rehearsal: December 12th from 3:00 – 5:30

Performance Time: 5:45 & 6:45

### **Spring Show: Tentative dates**

Rehearsal: April 9th from 3:00 – 5:30

Performance: April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

## Dress-Out Expectations

All dancers are required to dress-out each day **beginning Monday, August 12.** Dance clothes must be supportive, appropriate, and allow for adequate movement.

**Points are deducted for not following the dress-out expectations listed below.**

### **Girl's/Boy's Tops:**

T-Shirt or work-out shirt.  
Straps must be at least 1 inch.  
No crop tops or low-cut shirts allowed.  
No revealing tops allowed.

### **Girl's Bottoms:**

Leggings, joggers, or workout shorts.  
All shorts must be long enough to fully cover bottom while dancing.

### **Boy's Bottoms:**

Jazz pants, joggers, or basketball shorts.

### **Shoes:**

Dance shoes or barefoot.  
Tennis shoes are allowed during certain units.  
Socks are not allowed.

### **Hair:**

Hair must be pulled back into a ponytail.  
No hair allowed in the face.

### **Jewelry/Gum:**

No gum or jewelry allowed.

### **Alternate Assignment**

Students are given an **alternate assignment** when unable to participate due to illness or injury. Students must provide a **parent note** excusing them from dancing when sick or injured. If the illness or injury lasts more than a day, a doctor's note is required.

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## Dancer Expectations

- **Classroom Participation** – Dancers are expected to participate actively in all dance activities, as well as follow dress out expectations daily for class. A grade will be awarded weekly for their appropriate participation. Dress out expectations can be found on the other side of this page.
- **Video posts** – There will be times throughout the school year where we will take videos during class time and post to Canvas. Students will see videos of the teacher, dance aides, and even themselves during class time. Students will use these videos to practice at home, monitor their progress, and perfect technique.
- **Performances** – All students enrolled in dance class are required to participate in our after-school dance class rehearsals and performances.
- **Practice** – While students may not receive "traditional homework" in dance class, for them to make adequate progress in the class, they will be expected to practice skills and routines at home.
- **Pair-Share** – Students will be required to share/converse with other students on content related information.
- **Respect** – Students are expected to be respectful to others in class; their talents and learning time.
- **Open-Minded** – students should keep an open mind to new forms of dance.

If a student does not meet expected classroom behaviors, he/she will face consequences. These may vary, based upon school policy & severity of behavior. Typical consequences include: Student Conference, Parent Contact, and/or Office Referral.

## Grading/Miscellaneous

<b><u>Grading:</u></b> Please read school handbook for more detailed information regarding our grading policy.  <b>Tests/Performances: 50%</b> <b>Daily (dressing out/participation): 50%</b>  Jewelry/Gum/Hair: -5 points each day Not dressed in clothes to dance: -10 points each day	<b><u>Canvas &amp; Skyward:</u></b> <b><u>Skyward:</u></b> Please login to Skyward to view your student's most current grades.  <b><u>Canvas:</u></b> Please login to Canvas to view homepage, syllabus, announcements, videos, and online assignments. Students can also email me directly from their Canvas inbox.
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**Conference:**  
7<sup>th</sup> Period – 1:15

**Tutorials (extra practice):**  
Contact me to make arrangements

**Parent Portal:**  
Check often for student's current grade

**Website:** [www.huffmanisd.net](http://www.huffmanisd.net) - Scroll over "Schools" and click Hargrave High School. Scroll over "Extra-Curricular" and click Fine Arts, HHS. On the right side, click Falconettes & Dance 1-4 on the right.

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