

Dance IV Syllabus

Course Description/Goals:

In Dance IV, students will address the elements of advanced dance skills in the areas of Ballet, Jazz, Drill Team, Lyrical and Modern Dance. Students are taught creative expression through movement, awareness of space, time and energy as design factors in dance technique and composition. Focus is on development of self-confidence and an appreciation of dance as an art form. Participants have opportunities to perform, choreograph, and compete in the area of dance, and view other dancers of their age group as well as professional dancers.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

Dance IV is the culminating course in the high school dance sequence, intended for students with significant technical proficiency, choreographic experience, and a deep interest in the art of dance. This advanced-level course emphasizes independent artistic development, leadership, and the integration of technique, performance, and creative voice.

Students engage in rigorous technical training across multiple dance forms, refine their choreographic portfolios, and lead projects such as group choreography, interdisciplinary collaborations, and production planning. A focus on mentorship, critique, and portfolio development supports students preparing for college dance programs or careers in the arts. Historical, cultural, and contemporary contexts are explored through research, discussion, and performance. Dance IV aligns with the **TEKS for Dance, Level IV (§117.309)** and supports mastery-level understanding of dance as a personal and professional discipline.

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Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
Anatomy	Modern/Contemporary

Ballet
Jazz
Hip Hop

Musical Theater
Cultural
Tap
Choreography