

Orange Preparatory Academy Dance Department Syllabus

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Dance I Course

Dance Program Goals:

- To provide every student with a positive, supportive, and safe environment to succeed.
- To assist every student in gaining personal growth, high self-esteem, and an appreciation for the art form.
- Course is designed to provide students with previous experience a supportive building on the foundational structure of dance performance technique and general knowledge, from elements of dance to basic dance history while maintaining a diverse and challenging program of dance study. Introduction to Dance Course is recommended.

Course Requirements

Online learning Information: All students are required to join each online class resource.

Remind App: Approved school communication tool to contact students to remind about vital class information. Example (assignments, rehearsals, performances, or school emergencies)

Google Classroom: Online class assignments and assessments will be posted for completion.

Flipgrid: School approved website and app used to record and upload dance video assignments of student demonstrating their best dance skills of them practicing.

School wire webpage: OPA school faculty webpage for dance to find more course information and each code to join your class **Remind app**, **Google classroom** and **Flipgrid**.

All students are required to dress in proper dance attire for class. Specific requirements are as follows:

Dressing Attire - Dancers are required to wear...

- Form fitting clothes that show the proper lines of the dancer's body and easy to move in (leotard, tights, leggings, non baggy sweatpants, basketball shorts, and fitted t-shirt). Half shirts and short shorts are NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- Hair must be pulled back in either a bun or ponytail away from the face.
- Removal of jewelry. That includes large earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. Tiny studs are acceptable.
- Ballet or jazz shoes are great option for foot attire.

Note: Not having the appropriate clothes for class is not an excuse to sit out. You will be expected to dance fully with whatever clothes you have prepared yourself with. **2 point deduction** if unprepared with dance attire.

** These items can be purchased at any dance store or dance clothing website, also check Wal-Mart and Target. Here are a list of places that carry dance clothing and shoes:

Marie Priadka
School of Dance

50 South Orange Ave

South Orange, NJ 07079

(973) 762-7709

Sharon Miller's Academy
for the Performing Arts

14 South Park St.

Montclair, NJ 07042

(973) 655-9819

Websites:

www.discountdance.com

www.dancewearsoulutions.com

www.dance4less.com

- ❖ **Effort:** Dancers will be evaluated daily on the basis of task commitment, performance etiquette, and the effort you put into the class. Be open to try new things with new people. Dance often involves partnering and working on group projects, an atmosphere of cooperation and respect for others is essential. Establishing this kind of classroom environment will ensure that everyone will have fun in the process of learning.
- ❖ **Illness/Injury:** Students will be excused with no grade penalty from participation in class in the case of legitimate illness or injury **with a note from a parent/guardian, doctor or school nurse.** The student will participate in class otherwise, no excuses. In cases of prolonged injury, the student will be given alternate work to be completed during class. **It is not advised that students with chronic injuries participate in this dance program.** Please let the teacher know immediately if you have been injured.
- ❖ **Daily Grade Point Deductions: (5 points total)**
 - 1 point: Partially dressed
 - 1 point: Not dancing to full potential
 - 1 point: Disruptive behavior (including talking)
 - 2 points: Not having proper dance clothing or shoes/accessories

The teacher holds the right to add or subtract points.

Completion of Assignments

Students are required to complete all in-class and homework assignments. In the case of an excused absence, homework assignments will be due on the student's first day back from school. The student is responsible for getting missed assignments from the teacher, and a reasonable amount of time will be given for making up the work.

Performance Requirements

Students are required to attend all scheduled performances as an audience member. Students will be given a grade for the rehearsals and performances. The grades will be averaged and will count as a test grade. Failure to be present may result in grade deduction. Advance requests from parents will be taken into consideration, and scheduled conflicts will be worked out to whatever extent possible. . Remember we are a team and should support our fellow dancers.

Dance Class Performances Winter/Spring Concert

Please note this course may also have the opportunity to perform which will count as an authentic assessment grade.

Dance Class Rules

1. *Always be prepared, and properly dressed, and ready on time.*
2. *Always respect yourself and others and the studio.* Students should help keep the dance room clean and expect others to do so too. (No food, candy, gum, or beverage ONLY WATER)
3. *In order to succeed as a dancer, the student should put forth his/her best effort, even on the "bad days."*
4. **Violence is extremely unacceptable.** ZERO tolerance for bullying (will result in fullest extent of actions outlined in student handbook)

Positive Reinforcements:

- Positive Recognition and Praise
- Positive Parental/Guardian Contact

Consequences for breaking rules:

First Offense: Verbal warning

Second Offense: Teacher Conference

Third Offense: Parental/Guardian contact

Fourth Offense: Conference with Assistant Principal/ Principal

Note: In case of behavior that results in serious disruption of class or harm to another person, the situation will be treated as a third offense and fourth offense plus discipline referral form.

Classroom Procedures

At the beginning of class...

- Remove shoes at the door before entering
- Walk to the dressing room to change.
- The class will have 5 minutes to dress-out.
- Head to the dance floor and begin warming up for class/or respond to a journal assignment on the board.
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At the end of class...

- I will dismiss you to change into school uniform.
- The class will have 5 minutes to change.
- Head back to the dance floor and wait for the bell to ring.

Grading Procedures

- Daily Participation:
- Classwork Assignments
- Homework
- Test/Quizzes
- Authentic Assessments
- Journal Writing

Content to be covered in dance class:

Anatomy
Ballet Technique and History
Choreography
Dance Critiques
Dance Elements
Dance Injuries
Jazz dance Technique and History

Modern dance Technique History
Music & Rhythm
Nutrition
Stage Direction
Social Dances
World Dance

Contact Information

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School wire webpage: OPA school faculty webpage for dance to find more course information.

Please Detach, Sign and Return to teacher. Keep Syllabus as a Reference.

I have received and read the requirements and procedures for dance.

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you would like updates by e-mail or phone, please fill out the information below.

Parent/Guardian's phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian's e-mail address: _____