

DANCE I

MRS. ALLRED

DANCE I is a beginning level of dance. Fundamentals of a variety of dance techniques, flexibility, strength, endurance, and dance skills will be studied. Emphasis will be placed on Modern Dance and creativity.

Students will be involved in some **MANDATORY** outside performances.

1ST Semester: The Winter Concert on December 3rd @ 7:00 P.M. with rehearsals at 2:45 P.M. December 1-2nd. A class costume (top/dance pants) will be purchased.

2nd Semester: The Spring Dance Concert on May 11th and 12th with rehearsals at 2:45 P.M. May 9-10th. A class costume (top/dance pants) will be purchased.

Students may have the opportunity to take an **optional** field trip each semester to see a professional dance company perform. This would cost \$15.00 for the bus and ticket for the performance.

PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE will be 50% of the final grade. Each Thursday we will be writing in class, if you miss class that day, **YOU CANNOT MAKEUP THOSE ASSIGNMENTS.** They are participation grades and need to be done at the beginning of class so it is important for you to be on time. However, if you are school excused, these assignments will not count against your grade. There is little outside homework and all curriculum is covered during class hours. There is a possibility of 5 points each day. These points are earned through full participation, being dressed, and being on time. If a student is absent for **ANY** reason other than a school excuse, he/she won't receive any points for the day. **ABSENCES CANNOT BE MADE UP!**

2 POINTS WILL BE TAKEN OFF FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Chewing gum - Being tardy - Not participating - Not dressing - Improperly dressed

LEAVING CLASS EARLY:

You need to stay in the dance room until the bell rings. There is a continued problem of students leaving class early and going up in the hall and disturbing other classes. If a student leaves early from class without prior permission, it will be treated the same as a sluff. Students will lose all points for the day, and will have to serve a detention.

SKILL AND WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS will be 50% of the final grade. Points will be earned through demonstrating knowledge of a given movement, technical skill, rhythm, timing, originality, and group awareness. Individual and group choreography will also be graded. Some small written assignments and tests will be given and students must demonstrate knowledge of the information in class. Handouts will be given covering all written material.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

1. Everyone will be treated with respect.
2. Bullying, putdowns and purposely hurtful comments or actions will not be tolerated.
3. No one will be allowed to disrupt the learning process of anyone else.
4. Students will stay on task.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS

Cell Phones (whether on or off), cameras, hats, video games, CD Players, MP3 Players, iPods, etc, food or drinks.

As covered in the student handbook within your school-issued planner, the items listed below will not be tolerated in the classroom setting and will be taken away. There is no need for a verbal warning as the student handbook and this syllabus serve as a warning. You will have to go to the office at the end of the day to get the items back from the administration.

GRADING - Your citizenship grade and attendance policy will follow the Nebo School District's program. If you have any questions, please refer to your student handbook.

Your grade will be put into a percentage and the grading scale is as follows:

100-93	A	89-86	B+	79-76	C+	69-66	D+
92-90	A-	85-83	B	75-73	C	65-63	D
		82-80	B-	72-70	C-	62-60	D-
						59-	F

ROLL CALL is taken 5 minutes after the tardy bell rings. You will be given 5 minutes to shower and dress at the end of class. Do not leave early when excused to dress. If you leave early your dressing time may be cut short. **STAY IN THE DANCE ROOM UNTIL THE BELL RINGS** so you don't disturb the other classes.

CLOTHES You are required to dress every day. Leotards and tights/leggings/dance pants without feet are required. **NO SHOES, SHORTS, PAJAMA TYPE BOTTOMS, BELLY SHIRTS, OR SPAGHETTI TOPS ARE ALLOWED!** Please be modest and neat in your dress. If you forget your clothes don't share with your friends. This is how clothes are lost and result in no-dresses. Please take your clothes home once a week to launder them.

SHOWERS Showers are available in the girl's locker room. Towels will not be provided so you will need to bring one from home. High school students are old enough to know the importance of personal hygiene. You will need to supply your own bar of soap in a plastic container and deodorant.

LOCKERS You may use any of the lockers in the dance locker room. Keep your clothes and personal items locked up at all times. Don't share your combination with others, they borrow your clothes and sometimes don't return them or let others wear them. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND SMART SO YOUR PERSONAL THINGS DON'T GET STOLEN.** Also, please keep your locker clean. We will clean the lockers at the end of each semester.

Please sign and return indicating you have read and are aware of the grading, rules and expectations in Mrs. Allred's Dance I class.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Print Student Name