***Welcome to HUHS Dance!*** Throughout the course of the semester, students will learn basic anatomy, history of dance, technique, creative process, and choreographic principles. Students will practice using critical thinking skills while creating, analyzing and evaluating performances of their own as well as others.

**Schedule per Semester**

Exploring the ways we move

Ballet

Modern/Contemporary

Jazz/Theatre

Choreographic Principles

Literacy Project

Performance

**Overall grade will include:**

25%- daily participation points (up to 10 points a day)

25%- in class activities and assignments

25%- Performance(s)

25%- quizzes/tests/ homework

**Dress Code**

1. Socks or bare feet
2. Long hair must be pulled back in ponytail and short hair must be pulled away from face using bobby pins or head band
3. No jewelry of any kind EXCEPT earring studs
4. Students must wear all black to Dance Class.

**Female** students are to wear black t-shirt, tank top, or leotard with black yoga/jazz pants, leggings, sweat pants, or gym shorts. If shorts are worn that are above fingertip length, the student must wear tights under them. Appropriate undergarments that are not visible when in class are expected!

**Male** students are to wear black t-shirts or tank tops with black sweat pants or gym shorts.

Students must always wear proper dance attire EVERYDAY!!! Failure to do so will cause daily participation to lower. Dress code will be graded under the Informal Grade category. Students start with a 100%, but for each dance class dress code is not followed, 5 percentage points will be deducted up to the fifth day. After your 5th day, you will automatically receive an F for the semester if those days are not made up with an alternate assignment. Points cannot be earned back once they are lost.

**Each student must pay a $5.50 Dance Fee for the Harding University Dance T-shirt for class.**

**Rules and Expectations**

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| **Rules** | 1. Respect the teacher, classmates, property and YOURSELF! 2. Be on time. Students are given 5 minutes before and after class to dress out. If this rule is dishonored, the 5 minute opportunity will be taken away and students will use their transition time to class to change. 3. Be prepared for class 4. No talking during warm-up 5. No gum, No Food, No Drinks (only water) 6. No shoes 7. No perfume, body spray, scented body wear 8. Try your best 9. Restrooms MUST be used before and after class, not during. |
| **Consequences**  The order in which the consequences are carried out depends on the severity of the offense. | * 1. Warning! This is your warning!   2. Discussion   3. Phone call and/or meeting with parent(s)   4. Referral |

**Journals**

All students are required to keep a composition or black single subject spiral notebook for journal writing. Students will complete journal writing assignments weekly and receive grades for their assignments.

**Injury/Illness**

Each student is only allotted to sit out from an injury or illness with a written note from a medical physician or the school nurse not a parent). In order to receive credit for the day, the student must complete a written assignment assigned by the teacher. If the student has a long term injury of more than 2 weeks, they must speak to the teacher concerning how to receive credit for those weeks.

**Dress Rehearsals and Dance Performances**

All students are required to attend dress rehearsal. If a student has another obligation where they need to be excused due to a sport or club activity, a note from a coach/sponsor must be given to Ms. Hemingway **10 days prior** to the dress rehearsals in order to be excused.

The dance performance(s) are mandatory for ALL DANCE STUDENTS. The performance will count as 200 points (2 test grades).

**NO EXCEPTIONS**! If a student does not attend rehearsal and receives an unexcused absence they will receive a zero for that rehearsal and not be allowed to dance in EITHER dance performance. The student will be required to attend the dance performances, however, they will be asked to complete another assignment such as run lights, sound, curtains, passing out programs, etc. to receive credit for the performances.

**Classroom Procedures**

1. Remove shoes and enter the room quietly. You should already be dressed and prepared for class. Place shoes in designated area.
2. All belongings should be kept in your bags, in your lockers. DO NOT plug your personal electronics anywhere in the dance room!
3. Have a seat on your assigned spot on the floor and quietly wait for class to begin. If you get dressed earlier, you may use this time to warm-up and stretch on your own.

**Fundraisers**

All students are recommended to participate in/attend all fundraisers.

**Proposed Field Trip**

Charlotte Ballet – Nutcracker, December

Charlotte Ballet – Innovative Works, February

Charlotte Ballet – Contemporary Fusion, April

**Wish List:**

Kleenex Clorox Wipes Hand Sanitizer Paper Towels

Hair Ties Bobby Pins Band Aids Safety Pins

Dry Erase Markers

I have read and understand the information concerning dance class.

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\*\*\*\*Students, please keep the first pages and please return this last page to Ms. Hemingway. Thank you!

\*\*\*\*Parents, never hesitate to contact me for any reason. Let’s have a wonderful semester! Thank you!