East Union Dance Syllabus Fall 2019

# Instructor Information

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## Description

This course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn the beginning skills of dance while improving their technique, poise, self-confidence and creative ability. Students will connect, collaborate, and create through movement phrases, group choreography and class performances. Through their own dance compositions students will explore the creative process, translate thoughts, feelings, and emotions into their own original work. Students will also study many cultures and time periods in cultural and historic content. Students will learn vocabulary and dance terminology, as well as the elements of time, space, and energy used in dance. Students will grow in understanding of dance elements and experience it through a performance at the end of the semester.

## Tentative Grading Scale

30% Class Participation

25% Semester Performance

15% Tests

10% Quizzes/Class Group Work

10% Proper Dress Code

10% Class Journal

## Required Materials

* Composition Notebook (This will be left in class)
* Pencil
* Clothes to dress out
* Positive Attitude

## Dress Code

Students will be required to dress out daily as part of their grade. Listed below are dress code requirements.

# Female Dress Code:

* School T- Shirt(Grade Level Color preferred )
* Solid Color T-Shirt (Grade Level Color- no V-neck or tank tops allowed
* Black or Dark Athletic Pants (Yoga pants, basketball shorts, sweat pants)
* Leggings must have shorts worn over top
* Black or dark colored socks
* Hair pulled back

# Male Dress Code

* School T-Shirt (Grade level color preferred )
* Solid Color Grade Level T-Shirt (No V-neck or tank tops allowed)
* Black or dark Athletic Pants or shorts
* Black or dark colored socks

# Course Schedule

| Week | Topic |
| --- | --- |
| Monday  Tuesday | Modern Movement   |  | | --- | | **Technique/Strengthening** | |
| Wednesday  Thursday | World/Cultural Dance  Jazz/Hip Hop |
| Friday | Freestyle/Improvisation |

# Important Information

## Corrections in Class

Dance is a physical art form. Due to the high level of physical activity proper body alignment must be corrected in class to prevent injury. As a correction method, teachers will often use slight physical touch to adhere to proper technique in the classroom. Permission will always be asked of the student before any physical correction is given.

## Semester Performance:

At the end of the semester, each class will participate in an evening dance concert for friends and family. This will be a graded performance and a large part of the overall dance grade.

Things to Do:

Sign Health Form

Sign Physical Touch Form

Sign Video Form

I look forward to a wonderful semester of dance with you!