

Mater Lakes Academy Dance Department

Course Syllabus 2018-2019

Dance

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Class Fee

- \$5.00 – This classroom fee will be used to provide each student with an MLA Dance Department T-shirt.
- Class fee is due on - **August 30**

Course Description

To provide the dance student with further training, knowledge and application in various dance styles with strong emphasis in terminology, proper alignment, musicality, expression, dance history and technical ability. The dance course is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop skills that can be used to create visual expressions. The learning of values and dance etiquette is also a very important part of this dance course. The nature of the course offers the cultivation of such behaviors such as self discipline, creativity, working with others, leadership, responsibility, self-pride and appearance.

Tardiness/Absences

- Student must be on time EVERY class. Students who arrive late MUST have a pass to be allowed into the classroom NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Once the class has begun, student will be provided with 5 minutes at the beginning and end of the class to change into their dance uniform then stretching/warm up will begin.
- Students who are absent will be given a Z in the gradebook for that day, once the absence is excused student will be given an X on participation/dress-out for that day.
- Unexcused absences will affect your grade

Uniform/Attire

- Students are required to wear the MLA dance t-shirt to every class!
- Girls: MLA dance T-shirt, shorts (up to your knee), leggings, sweat pants, proper dance shoes ALL PANTS MUST BE BLACK.
- Boys: MLA dance t-shirts, shorts, sweat pants, proper dance shoes ALL PANTS MUST BE BLACK.

*Hair MUST be picked up for class – NO EXCEPTIONS

*NO JEWELRY ALLOWED WHILE DANCING

Materials

- Loose leaf paper
- Pen (Black or Blue ink ONLY)

- Pencil
- Water Bottle

Classroom Etiquette

- NO CHEWING GUM WHILE DANCING
- NO BULLYING (WILL NOT BE TOLERATED NO EXEPTIONS)
- Full participation from the students
- No Apple watches during testing!
- No talking during lecture or while a student is presenting
- No phones – PHONES WILL BE CONFISCATED IF THEY ARE BEING USED
- Be respectful of others
- Never leave room without proper permission
- No food or drinks other than water
- No touching of the mirrors!
- Students are not allowed to come during lunch time to class unless you are making up an exam.

Grading Policy

Students will be graded on:

- Participation 20%
 - Dress Attire 10%
 - Projects 40% (school shows or plays - dates TBA)
 - Journal/Written Assignments 30%
- *LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED; STUDENTS MUST HAVE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE TO MAKE UP WORK & MUST TURN IN ASSIGMENT WITHIN A WEEK FROM ABSENCE. *

Dance Techniques and Styles

Students will learn several dance styles and techniques during the school year. Each student will be tested on these skills as part of their class work and must enter journal entries with each lesson. The following will be studied during class

- Stretching & Conditioning basics
- Ballet (terms and techniques)
- Jazz (terms and techniques)
- Hip-Hop
- Movement Exploration/Contemporary
- Performance basics

End of the year Showcase

- Towards the end of the year students must participate in the end of the year showcase. This event is **MANDATORY** for all students it will be a total of **4 project grades**. Students who fail to participate will fail the quarter.
- If in an extreme case a student has an emergency and cannot participate, the student will be told to do a written report.
- Students & Classes who fail to behave throughout the year will be eliminated from participating and will be asked to write a 3-page report on the actual Showcase. This means the student must purchase a ticket, write the report on what they saw, and turn it in to replace their grade with **PROOF OF TICKET**

Student, Parent Dance Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

I, _____, (student) agree to the commitment level affiliated with the course. I understand that there will be several written assignments associated with this course and that all writing assignments must be turned in on the due date.

I have read the dance department syllabus and understand the information presented about this course.

I understand that failure to adhere to the requirements will result in grade deductions, parent contact, and/or recommendation for another program.

Parent Signature _____

Parent email _____

Parent Phone # _____

Please Return for a grade