#### DANCE DEPARTMENT SYLLABUS

Firmly Planted Homeschool Resource Center 2023-2024

#### **Dance Department Contact Information**

Please send all of your messages on Slack. These are listed for emergency only.

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# \*\*\*NEW PARENTS\*\*\*PLEASE ATTEND THE MANDATORY PARENT MEETING ON MONDAY October 2nd AT 7PM IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THE CENTER\*\*\*

#### **Class Materials**

## ATTIRE:

Dancers are required to pull their hair back and to wear dance attire during class. All clothing should be modest and cover midriff.

Ballet - Leotard, tights, skirt and ballet shoes.

Tap - Sweatpants/ leggings, loose shirt or leotard and tap shoes.

Lyrical - Leotard or t-shirt, tights or leggings and ballet or lyrical shoes.

Jazz - Sweatpants/ leggings, loose shirt or leotard and Jazz shoes.

Hip Hop - Sweatpants/ leggings, loose shirt and Jazz or CLEAN tennis shoes.

We are able to size your student and order dance clothing and shoes for a good price once each semester. Students may buy dance clothes or shoes from any source, and here are some other suggestions:

The Competitive Edge www.discountdance.com

5501 NE 109th Ct Suite G

Vancouver, WA 98662 <u>www.amazon.com</u>

The Leotard 2432 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Portland, OR 97212 Goodwill, Salvation Army, or Once Upon a Child may also be options.

#### **Participation in Class**

Students are expected to participate fully in class and to come prepared to begin class at its start time. Students should be dressed for class, having used the bathroom if necessary, or gotten a drink of water **before** class begins. This will allow for students to receive instruction for the full class time. Parents are encouraged to volunteer at the center or visit in the coffee shop or family lounge during class. This will make it easier for students to not be distracted and help them to focus on their class. If your student is sick or injured please send a message on Slack to his or her teacher prior to class. If the injury was severe enough, then a doctor's note is needed to allow them to return to class. Our Groupzu website now has new information available to you! Within each class you can find files, your child's attendance and any videos that were taken in class.

#### **Class Payment**

Payment for class teacher fees is due either by the date listed on the website or on the first day of class unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher. Please check the Slack channel for your student's class for their specific information on payment details. Students will not be allowed to attend classes without payment. Please communicate directly with the teacher about this and do not include the student.

### **Student Progress and Certificate of Completion**

- Our students will get to display their first semester's progress at the Winter Showcase. This will be a great opportunity to see what all of the classes are doing, as well as to communicate with your student's teacher.
- Our end of the year Ballet class evaluations will be held during classes the week of April 29th - May 2nd. Students will show their barre and center exercises in order for our dance staff to give recommendations for remaining in or advancing to the next level.
- A certificate of completion will be given during the last class of Spring Semester.
  Teachers may also celebrate with a small treat.

#### **Dance Shows / Costumes**

Each year the dance department hosts two dance shows in which students will have the opportunity to participate. The first will be our Winter Showcase held on Friday, January 19th. This is an informal evening where each class dances on stage and their teacher will share with parents what the class has been working on during the fall semester. Classes will be divided into two, 1 hour "shows" and students will be able to leave, if desired, after their dance has been

completed. Classes will be informed by October 2nd of their showtime, which will be either 5:30-6:30 or 7:00-8:00.

In our Spring Show, dancers will be celebrating how great and magnificent God is! Most classes will be performing in either Show A OR Show B (May 16th-19th). Admission will be charged for this event, but unlike other studios, we do not charge the student a fee to participate in the show. We have a costume rental program in order to make our shows more cost effective for our students and their families. The rental fee per semester is \$25 for most classes. For your convenience, students will pay their costume fee for the Spring Dance Show as an admin fee during their class registrations. Each family is required to have at least one parent volunteer to help with the Spring Show. Last Spring was amazing and you all were essential parts of its success. Thank you! Sign up opportunities will be available in February.

Please add these dates to your calendars now, as to avoid any conflicts in January and May.

**Fall New Parent Meeting**: October 2nd 7:00pm Winter Showcase: January 19th 5:30pm or 7:00pm Spring New Parent Meeting: February 12th 7:00pm Dance Class Photos: April 22nd -25th (During Classes)

Ballet Testing/Evaluations: April 19th - May 2nd (During Classes)

**SPRING SHOW DATES:** 

May 16th - Dress Rehearsals Show A 5:00-6:45pm

Show B 7:00-8:30pm

May 17th - Performances Show A 6:00pm

May 18th - Performances Show A 1:30pm

Show B 6:00pm

May 19th - Performances Show B 3:00pm

All of these dates and pertinent dance class information are located on the Dance Department and Dance Show pages on our website.

#### **Additional Information**

It is sometimes necessary for the instructor to use physical contact in order to show a correction or adjust alignment. If a student is uncomfortable with this please email or direct message the instructor so they are aware and accommodations can be made. The teachers will be attempting to record the new material taught in class periodically and posting it to their class channel on Slack. This should enable the student to learn the new material if they miss a class due to sickness. The Spring Dance Show will be professionally filmed, edited and made available for you to view during the summer. Portions of this video may be shared in the future on Fall Preview Night to demonstrate what the classes are like, as well as on the dance page of our new website. Care will be taken to follow the parent's wishes on the center's signed video/photo release form.

# Signature page

I have read the dance department syllabus and understand the information presented about my student being enrolled in class. I agree to this department's policies as well as understand my student is expected to participate in both dance shows and dress rehearsals in order to receive their certificate of completion at the end of the year.

Student Signature	Parent Signature	Date	_
Student's Name:			
Grade:			
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Parent/Guardian Name:			
Language spoken in home:	· ·		
Home Phone:			_
Parent(s) Cell Phone:			_
Parent email:			<u> </u>
Health concerns/issues abo	it parent: out students:		
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Parent Name	Phone Number	 Email	

\*Please print and return this page to one of your student's teachers.