

Dance Class

Early College High School

Spring 2023

Class objective: The dance course is designed to provide students with opportunities to develop dance skills. The learning of values and attitudes of oneself is also a very important part of the dance course. The nature of the course offers the cultivation of such behavior as self-discipline, creativity, working with others, leadership, fellowship, responsibility, self-pride, and appearance.

Commitment: By the California Education Code, in order for the dance classes to qualify for Physical Education credit for our students, we must offer a minimum of 3,600 minutes of instruction/activity per semester. With this schedule, there will be 33 classes per semester at 110 minutes each class as this will meet the standard. Students are required to attend practices and performances set up by the coach. The class will be meeting in the MPR at ECHS. A parent/legal guardian may write a note to excuse their child from physical activity due to illness or injury, but the student is still required to dress out and attend class. Such a note is good for two days maximum. Each note requires a date and a working phone number where the parent/guardian can be reached if the coach has questions. If the student needs a longer period of time then a medical evaluation will be required. Ladies on their menstrual cycle will not be excused from physical activities.

Class Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 4:05 pm-6:05 pm

Second Semester

Mandatory Meeting- January 17

First Class- January 17

Last Class - May 25

Mandatory Performances:

Carnival - March 18, 2023

Talent Show- May 12, 2023

Required Attire

Students are required to wear exercise attire including athletic or jazz shoes during class. Jeans are not acceptable for dance class.

Grading: Credits

Students are permitted to have up to 3 unexcused absences a semester to receive credit for this course. Freshmen and Sophomores who receive less than 5 credits will not be able to take dance the next school semester and will be placed into a Physical Education class. Each credit will be rounded down to the nearest half of the credit.

0-720	1 credit
721-1440	2 credits
1441-2160	3 credits
2161-2599	4 credits
3600	5 credits

Attendance Policy (see ECHS Handbook pages 10-12 for more details)

Class attendance, promptness, and participation are essential to being a successful student-athlete. Student grades can be affected by absences and tardies from a class.

Absence Policy: ALL absences must be cleared within 72 hours or three school days of the absences otherwise the absences will be marked as a truancy.

Excused Absences are illnesses, medical or dental appointments, observance of religious holidays, bereavement and court appearances per the California Education Code. Unexcused Absences include but are not limited to vacations, car trouble, driver's tests, out of town visitors, personal or business reasons, and traffic citations.

If a student will not be attending practice the office and coach must be notified for an excused or unexcused reason. It is a parent's responsibility to clear their student's absence to the office by providing the school a reason for the absences. This can be done by phone or written note. See the handbook for specific instructions. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to notify their coach for the excused or unexcused absence.

Tardy policy: Late arrival is disruptive to the class and to the educational process and will be calculated into the student's grade.

A student who arrives more than 20 minutes late to class is considered truant and will be marked absent by the coach.

- The teacher may assign detention for each of the first 5 tardies to his or her class.
- The 6th tardy will result in a referral to the office and athletic coordinator and the parent or guardian will be contacted.
- The 7th tardy will result in a referral to the office and athletic coordinator and the student will be placed on an attendance contract.
- The 8th tardy will result in a parent conference, a "U" in citizenship and the student will be dropped from the class with NO CREDIT and will be placed in a physical education class.

If a student is not actively participating in the dance class activities the student will not receive credit for the day. The level of participation is up to the coach's discretion.

Behavior and Academic Expectations (see ECHS Handbook for more details)

All student-athletes are held to a high standard at ECHS and expected to make education a high priority in their lives. This includes positive participation in all class and school activities. Failure to comply with the behavior, ethics, and academic expectations listed in the ECHS Handbook will result in removal from the athletic class and may result in further disciplinary action.

Hierarchy of Communication & Conflict Resolution

In order to run an effective program, we encourage all students and parents to follow the hierarchy of communication. In the event of any conflict or miscommunication please refer to the following protocol for resolving the conflict.

1. Face-to-face conversation with student-athlete and coach to discuss the conflict at hand.
2. Communication with the parent, student-athlete, and coach. Contact the coach directly to set up an appointment.
3. Meeting with the parent, student-athlete, coach, and athletic coordinator. The coach will contact the athletic coordinator to set up an appointment.
4. Meeting with the parent, student-athlete, coach, athletic coordinator, and administration. The coach will contact the athletic coordinator and administration to set up an appointment.

Contact Information

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By signing this document, I have read and agree to the rules and expectations above. I also understand that if I do not abide by the rules and expectations above I will be removed from the class.

Date: _____ Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Date: _____ Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____