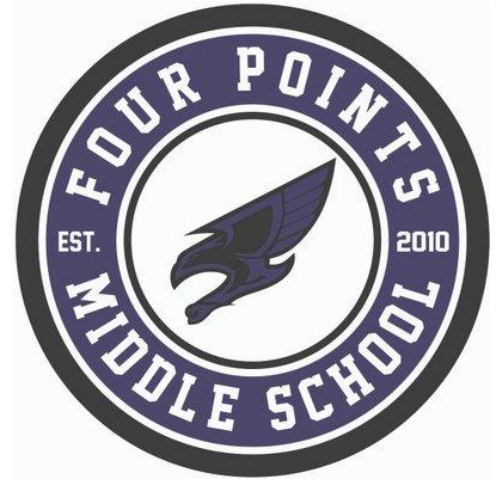


7/8th Grade Dance Syllabus

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Course Description: Students will acquire and develop fundamental skills in movement in ballet, contemporary, jazz, and hip-hop dance. Students will become more familiar with dance vocabulary, history, and choreographic / production skills.



Student Expectations:

1. Students must dress correctly for each class (see supply list).
2. Students must be prepared in class each day with any necessary materials.
3. Students are responsible for their own personal belongings.
4. Each student is responsible for knowing and abiding by all classroom rules.
5. Each student is responsible for arriving to class on time. Students will lose 5 points off of their participation grade if tardiness to class becomes an issue.
6. Each student is responsible for using her assigned locker and memorizing the combination.
7. A note from a physician or from a parent/guardian is required in order to be excused from participation in class.
8. No large bags/backpacks, notebooks, jackets or purses are allowed to be brought into the dance room. These must be secured in the locker provided.
9. **NO GUM, FOOD, OR DRINKS ALLOWED IN THE STUDIO!** ☹ Students will be allowed to get water from the water fountain during class if needed.
10. Electronic devices will be collected as students enter the classroom and held with the teacher during class time. The devices will be given back to the students during class if they are needed for an assignment; otherwise they will be given back to the students upon leaving the studio at the end of class.
11. **You may NOT use your cell phone in the studio without PERMISSION from Coach Blair.** Texting, social media sites, surfing the Internet are not permitted during class. Devices used improperly or without permission will be taken up until the end of the school day, and the student will lose points off of their participation grade.

Lockers: Students will be assigned their own locker in the PE locker room. Students are responsible for giving their locker combination to Coach Blair.
THERE IS NO SHARING OF LOCKERS!

Dressing Out: Students are expected to dress out everyday, unless otherwise directed. Any student who fails to dress out will lose points off of their participation grade.

Supply List: Clothes to dance in; a combination lock; a smile! More details [here](#)

Grading Policy:

Student's grades will be based on the following criteria:

- Participation / Preparation – 50%
- Skills Tests – 20%
- Written Tests – 20%
- Virtual Notebook Checks / Daily Grades – 10%

Participation grades start out as a 100 for all students at the beginning of each grading period. Deductions from the grade of 100 accumulate during the grading period, then start over at the start of the next grading period. Daily participation and preparation grades include dressing out, participating in class activities, arriving to class on time, and having all necessary materials for class. **The following are deductions that can be made from your participation grade:**

- ✓ Failure to dress out when required
- ✓ Unprepared with any other class materials required for a specific activity
- ✓ Chewing gum in the dance room
- ✓ Having food and/or drinks in the dance room
- ✓ Using a cell phone without permission
- ✓ Using an electronic device improperly
- ✓ Failure to participate in a class activity (unexcused)
- ✓ Horseplay / Off task

****It is very important to be on time and prepared for class! A low or failing participation average can seriously jeopardize your final average in dance class.***

Daily Grades: Periodically we will have small assignments in class that will count as a daily grade.

Make-Up Work: It is the student's responsibility to keep track of make-up work when absent. Students need to see Coach Blair immediately upon returning to school to get any missed assignments. Students are given the same amount of days absent to make-up missed work. In the event that a student is going to be absent for an extended period of time, written assignments will be given to replace skills tests grades.

Communication: The best way to reach me during the school day with any questions or concerns to ensure a speedy reply is through email.