

## **Welcome to Dance**

### **Amanda Pittman**

#### **Required Materials**

1. Appropriate clothing to dress out in each day (If you do not want to dance barefoot you may purchase dance shoes but they are not required.)
2. Positive Attitude- Willingness to try new things and work with others.

**\*School Health Insurance:** We encourage all our students to purchase school insurance in the unfortunate event of an accident during class. These forms will be given out during advisor/advisee.

#### **Grading System**

**\*\*70% Daily Class Performance/Participation** (Class engagement includes dressing out, warm up, across the floor, center floor, choreography etc)

**\*\*30% Class Assignments**

#### **Dressing Out**

Dress out daily. Proper attire for class is comfortable clothing that you can move in. "Work out" pants and a tank top or t-shirt is appropriate. Dance clothes should meet school dress code No street shoes. Locker rooms will be unlocked for each class to change out. You will need to bring all of your belongings out of the locker room with you and bring them into my classroom with us. We/School are not responsible for theft. You will be given time to change back into school clothes at the end of class.

**Absence/Injury/Illness** – When you return from an absence, it is your responsibility to learn any missed choreo or make up missed assignments. If your absence is unexcused, you will also need to complete an article summary/reflection within 2 weeks of absence to earn your participation points. In the case of injury, a note from a Doctor with specific dates and specific restricted activities will excuse you from dancing and allow you to do an alternative assignment.

**Restroom – Go before you come to class.** However, if there is an emergency; ask FIRST, then complete an e-hall pass. Excessive trips to the bathroom will result in a deduction of participation points- you cannot participate if you are not in class.

**Personal Belongings** – ALL of your belongings should be stored on the shelf. No belongings should be on the dance floor or on the music shelves.

#### **Rehearsal/Performance**

Each class will have a "costume" that each dancer is responsible for acquiring. Costumes will cost no more than \$60.00. I will have more information in the next couple of weeks. Once costume orders are placed, costume money is non-refundable. If you cannot afford the costume please have your parent/guardian email me as soon as possible.

Each student will be required to participate in all performances. The recital will be on **May 12th** at BCC Odell Williamson Auditorium. Admission is free. The recital at the end of the semester is a major part of your exam and will count for your final exam grade in dance. If you do not perform, you will get a zero on the exam.

If your knowledge of performance pieces is hindered by excessive absences, lack of participation, or disciplinary actions you will be removed from the show.. Students with more than 10 unexcused absences will be removed from the dance concert. Students with more than 15 absences total (excused/unexcused/disciplinary) may be removed for the concert. If a student is removed from the concert they will be given an alternative written exam. The written exam is ONLY for students that have been removed from the show by Mrs. Pittman.

All performing students take a rehearsal trip to prepare for the concert. Students that are not performing will not go on trip and will have an alternative assignment at school. Students that have had disciplinary action taken against them may also remain at school with an alternative assignment.

\*\*Please read with your parents or guardians. After you have both read the syllabus, complete the google form with your signature and your parents. Failure to complete the google form does not exempt you from procedures and rules.

Thank you very much,  
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