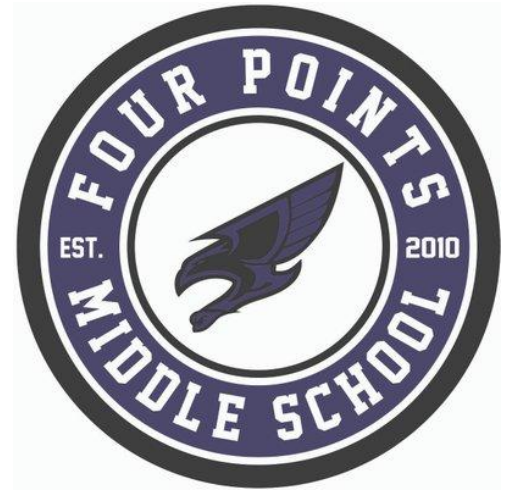


6th Grade Dance Syllabus

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

Student Expectations: Each student must...

1. Come to class prepared with necessary materials.
2. Dress correctly for dance class each day (see supply list).
3. Know and abide by all classroom rules.
4. Participate to their fullest ability.
5. **Have fun!**

Dressing Out: Students are expected to dress out every day unless otherwise directed. Any student who fails to dress out will lose points off of their participation grade. After two warnings, Coach Blair will assign lunch detention and make parent contact. Any other offenses will require disciplinary action and points off of the participation grade.

Lockers: Students will be assigned their own dance locker in the PE locker room and are responsible for their own personal belongings. Each student must use her assigned locker and memorize the combination. Coach Blair will keep a copy of the locker combination on file in the case that the combination is forgotten over holiday breaks. **THERE IS NO SHARING OF LOCKERS!** 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.

Electronics: Dance is a visual art and performances will be videoed for grading purposes. The students may use their Lenovos or phones for video projects under the supervision of the teacher. **You may NOT use your cell phone in the studio without PERMISSION from Coach Blair.** Texting, social media sites, or surfing the Internet is not permitted during class. Devices used improperly or without permission will be taken up until the end of the school day.

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

Participation: Students are expected to do 'their very best' each and every day. A note from a parent/guardian is required in order to be excused from one day of participation in class (for minor injuries or illness). If the injury requires more than one day of rest, you must send a doctor's note to avoid a zero for daily participation.

Food/Drink/Gum: **NO GUM, FOOD, OR DRINKS ALLOWED IN THE STUDIO!** © Students will be allowed to get water from the water fountain during class if needed. Water bottles must remain in the locker room or hallway during class.

Grading Policy:

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

- Participation / Preparation – 40%
- Tests/Quizzes – 20%
- Effort/Daily Grades - 40%

Participation grades start out as 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: Participation grades will be excused/exempted ONLY IF the absence is excused by the attendance office. If it is NOT excused, an alternate assignment will be given to make up the missing grade. Daily grades will need to be completed in a timely manner. 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. alexa.blair@leanderisd.org