

SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Body Geometry



Learning Objective: Students will explore body shapes and relate these to geometry concepts, alone or in groups.

Content Connections: This supplemental lesson may be appropriate within any geometry unit to reinforce unit specific concepts and vocabulary such as shapes, angles, area/perimeter, surface area/volume, symmetry/asymmetry, and dimensions.

Colorado Academic Standards		
DA1.1.1 (Dance)	DA2.4.1 (Dance)	MP2.4.2 (Math)

Length: 5-10 minutes

Supportive Items/Props: Visuals, smart board, stretchy bands

Movement Vocabulary:

BODY: shapes, patterns, parts of the body

SPACE: level

Resources: (music, images)

Task/Activity

Work individually, with a partner or in a small group:

- 1. Explore lines (straight, curved) and shapes (round, angular, connected, twisted) with one part of our body or our whole body.
- 2. Choose shapes/concepts you are working on in geometry and write vocabulary or draw the shape/concept on the board.
- 3. Ask students to match the geometric shape/concept on their own using whole or parts of the body. Students can also try creating shapes/angles using a stretchy band.
- 4. Try it with a partner or three or more students.
- 5. Allow time to show each other what cool ideas other students come up with.

Inquiry questions to discuss before, during, and/or after the lesson to guide and reflect on learning

- How can we reflect geometry concepts in our bodies?
- Does movement help you process the geometry concepts we have been working on in class?
- What movement language/vocabulary did you use today?
- How does working with a partner or group help us learn?