



CTE Dance Pathway FAQ's:

Is the dance pathway a 3 or 4 year pathway?

It can actually be 3 OR 4 years. The classes offered are beginning dance, intermediate dance, and advanced dance. If you choose to take beginning dance as an elective freshman year, then you can take all classes each year of high school and repeat advanced dance your senior year since the curriculum and themes change each year. As long as you hit all three levels of dance, then you will complete the entire pathway and will receive the pathway cord senior year to wear at your graduation.

Do I need to have previous dance experience to take dance?

No previous dance experience is needed to join the dance pathway.

Can I skip a dance course?

Unfortunately you can not.

I heard if you make the Synergy dance team that you can skip all the way to Advanced dance? Is this true?

Once upon a time this was allowed. However, it has since changed. If you make the Synergy dance team, you can skip beginning dance but **MUST** take intermediate dance before moving on to advanced dance. There is no more skipping automatically to advanced dance. In order to receive the dance pathway cord however, a student must complete at least **THREE** years of dance to qualify. So if you skip a course due to making the dance team, you must complete three years total (whether that be beginning, advanced, advanced or intermediate, advanced, advanced).

Do all dance pathway courses require you to participate in the fall and spring dance productions?

Beginning dance students are **NOT** required to participate in the dance production. However, intermediate and advanced dance students are required to participate in the CTE dance pathway production (in winter). They must be in at least one dance piece.

Does dance count towards VAPA credit?

Yes, by taking a dance class it can count as your VAPA credit.

Can I get PE credit for taking dance?

When completing a dance course, yes you can submit a PE waiver form and waive your **SECOND** year of PE by taking dance. Typically if you choose to do this, the student will take 9th grade PE their freshman year and take beginning dance their sophomore year to fulfill their PE requirements.

What dance styles are covered in beginning dance?

We cover a wide variety of dance styles in all dance classes! We learn jazz, contemporary/lyrical, hip hop, multicultural dances that touch on various styles from around the world (bollywood, salsa, KPOP, ballet, just to name a few). In addition, the students are taught how to follow eight counts to start creating dances of their own and work in partners as well as small groups.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to visit this site:

<https://bit.ly/CTE-dance-MHHS> to access the slide show from last year explaining the pathway a little further and in more detail.

Thank you!