

**Guyer High School
Dance I
Course Syllabus**

Course: Dance I

Instructor: Cali Hoffman

Room: H132 or Silver Gym

Ms. Hoffman's Schedule:

A1-HS 101

A2-Dance III-IV

A3-Conference

A4-Dance II

A5-Silverados

B1-HS 101

B2-Dance II

B3-Acad Sup

B4-Dance I

B5-Silverados

Office: H133

Office Phone #: 940-369-1172

Email: choffman@dentonisd.org (This is the fastest way to contact me.)

Tutorials: Tuesdays 8:00-8:30 AM, Thursday 8:00-8:30 AM

Course Objectives: Students will work to develop body awareness and kinesthetic awareness as we build flexibility, stamina, and muscle tone. Students will also have an understanding of various dance genres, history, elements, and cultures while exploring dance as a means of expression.

Grading Policy:

60% Daily Participation (Students can earn up to 100 points for energetic participation, written activities, and properly dressing out. If a student does not participate in class, they will receive a zero for the day.)

20% Folder/Journal Entries

20% Tests (Written and Performance-Students will be required to take written exams over vocabulary, history, and anatomy. Students are required to perform dance combinations and skills in small groups for evaluations over material. They will be graded on skills such as: memory, execution, technique, timing, energy level, and overall performance.)

Classroom Expectations:

- Be respectful, to the teacher, students, and other's property!
- Be prepared, bring correct supplies to class, including dress out clothes.
- Be **on task, on time**, and **follow directions**.
- No food or drink** other than water in studio or gyms. No gum.
- Hair needs to be pulled back, no loose jewelry.
- No Ipods, No cell phones!!**
- Students are expected to dress out every day unless otherwise specified by teacher

Consequences:

1. Warning
2. Stay in class after bell
3. Sit out of class/zero for participation
4. Notify Parent/Teacher Detention
5. Office Referral to Assistant Principal

Supplies:

- 1/2 inch or 1inch binder with clear plastic (Nothing larger)
- Notebook paper/Dividers in binder
- Pen/Pencil (**we do write in dance class!**)
- Dance attire

Proper dance attire:

- Dance students should wear **ALL BLACK CLOTHING**.
- All students must wear a **BLACK** t-shirt. You may purchase one through the dance department or you may wear your own.
- Bottoms must also be **BLACK**. I recommend jazz pants, capris, Nike shorts (w/ lining interior) or sweat pants. Soffee "cheer" shorts and or booty shorts/spanks are **UNACCEPTABLE, NO DENIM. NO PAJAMA PANTS.**
- Students may **NOT** wear any midriff baring tops.
- Students are expected to wear proper undergarments as well.
- Students should also wear proper dance footwear, or dance bare foot or in socks. Tennis shoes are acceptable but may be asked at times to take them off.
- Students should have appropriate dancewear by **September 5/6, 2013**.
- Students are asked to bring their own combination lock during the second week of school, if they do not have their own, **they can be issued a lock.** (These locks have been broken into)

Injury/Illness guidelines:

If a student is unable to participate due to illness or injury, they need to bring a **PARENT NOTE** or their parent may call **940-369-1172** or email **choffman@dentonisd.org**. Notification of an illness or injury must be made by the second class day. If a student fails to provide a note or message from their parent, they will receive a zero for the number of days sat out. Students who sit out may be assigned other daily work to make up for the participation grade. Students who have an injury should bring a doctor's note that specifies their injury **and how long they need to sit out.**

Units by Six Weeks:

- 1st Six Weeks: Tap/Nutrition
- 2nd Six Weeks: Jazz/Muscles
- 3rd Six Weeks: Ballet/Bones
- 4th Six Weeks: World Dance (Social, Hip hop, Folk, etc.)
- 5th Six Weeks: Musical Theatre
- 6th Six Weeks: Modern/Choreography

Performance Opportunities: Students will perform in the Silverado Spring Showcase the **first week of May**. Official dates and practice dates will be given later.

***Spring Show performance is part of the exam grade during the spring semester.**

Tardy Policy:

Students will follow the school wide tardy policy. If any student is more than **15 minutes** late, it will be considered an absence, per the Texas Education Agency's 90% attendance rule, which states that students must be present for 90% of the class period in order to be considered present.

Please complete the following and turn it in to Ms. Hoffman by the second class day, August 29(B day)/30(A day):

Parents Section:

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ have read the above syllabus and agree to support and encourage my student to follow all rules, *including dress attire*, accordingly. I understand the consequences if they choose not to follow the rules.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Contact Information for Parent/Guardian:

I appreciate the speed and convenience of email and would like to communicate with parents via email. If you would, please leave a valid email address specifying who I am contacting. If you do not have a valid email, please leave a phone number, should I need to contact you regarding your student.

Email: _____, belongs to _____.

Phone: _____, belongs to _____.

Students Section:

I, _____, have read the above rules and requirements, *including dance attire*, for dance class. I agree to follow these rules to the best of my ability and understand there will be consequences, including deducted points from my daily grade, if I choose not to abide by them.

Student Signature

Date