

## Dance Syllabus 2020-2021

Ms. El Shemi

### **Course Content**

In this course students will explore the wonderful world of dance! Ballet, Modern, and Contemporary dance will be taught. Hip Hop, Lyrical, Improvisation, Yoga, Pilates, Stretch/Relaxation, Acro Dance and Dance Conditioning may also be touched upon. Dance history, its pioneers, terminology, nutrition, and basic human anatomy will be taught throughout the course.



### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this course students should be able to perform various dance movements from different styles. They should gain awareness of their bodies, space and time within the dance curriculum. A knowledge of dance history, pioneers, and terminology as well as a deeper appreciation for dance as a physical sport and art form will be developed.

### **Class Meetings**

Students will be required to participate in daily class in person or on Volusia Live. To limit the use of materials that may spread Covid19 we will use Microsoft Teams and technology as much as possible. Social distancing and mask guidelines will be followed to the best extent possible. All students will have a 6x6 dance space while dancing. There is no food or gum allowed while dancing, a closed water bottle is acceptable. Cell phones and other technology will be used in BYOT lessons but should remain put away during regular dance times. Excessive tardiness or absences will affect your grade. Students attending on Volusia Live will be held to the same attendance, grading and behavior standards as those students in the classroom. **Parents and students should understand that this is an instructional movement class that may increase heart rate and breathing. As with any physical class there is chance of injury.**

### **Cost:**

It is my mission to make dance accessible to every student. Every student should have the opportunity to participate in dance events and money should not be a factor. However, there are specific costs equated with the operation of a successful dance program, and due to the current economic climate, those costs are falling back to the students more and more. Therefore, it is necessary to ask each student to contribute a dance fee. Accommodations can be made if financial need arises, but concerns must be made known to Ms. El Shemi. This fee will cover the cost of uniform rental and will aid in off-setting costs in the dance budget. Please

know that every child will receive the same education, uniforms, and propts regardless of payment.

**Fees: 60.00**

Fees may be paid in installments over the course of the school year. Please communicate with Ms. El Shemi if you'd like to explore this option.

**Required Supplies- Dress out clothes are not needed yet; these will be required should we get approval from the district to begin dressing out.**

\*Dance black jazz shoes, or grip socks.

\*Technology for non-dance days

\*A black T-shirt (No spaghetti straps or midriff showing! No logo. Preferably fitted for females)

\*Black leggings (females only)

\*Black athletic pants/gym shorts that move comfortably (males and/or females)

If approved clothing will be required for their dressing out grade and will be used in the final performance. Please purchase clothing your student can move freely in as well as be comfortable. All clothing should be plain black with no logos.

**Grading**

Students will be graded in the following areas: Participation, Assignments, Projects, Tests (written and skills) and a Final.

Although they will be awarded points for each area Volusia County mandates that final grades be broken down as follows:

40% Formative

60% Summative

**The final exam will either be a performance or a dance project depending on district guidelines.**

Participation is based on effort put forth not natural talent.

Book assignments will be assessed based on quality, clarity and correctness.

Tests/quizzes/projects; Written and skills: Written tests will be taken from bookwork previously completed. They will be assessed by questions answered correctly. Skills test will be on the specific dance moves students are expected to learn in the class. They will be graded based on knowledge of the step, effort, and execution.

**Late/ Missed Work Policy**

Students are responsible for any missed assignments. All work should be completed in a timely manner. Any student missing multiple days of participation may complete a written assignment to gain points for the days missed. Students that might be out due to Covid19 quarantine may participate in Volusia Live as an alternative. Accommodations such as more time, group work, reading of questions, use of visuals, and resubmission of work or tests will be given as necessary to ESOL and ELL students.

**Digital Learning**

In the unexpected event that we must return to full-time distance learning, all students are expected to complete their assignments for Dance through their Microsoft Teams and/or Canvas course. Students will be graded based on their completion of assignments and proper participation in the class. If a student fails to complete assignments or participate in class during a full-time distance learning situation they will be graded accordingly.

**Class Expectations**

In-Classroom	Volusia LIVE**/Distance Learning
<p>All policies in the Student Code of Conduct will be followed.</p> <p>All class rules and procedures will be followed.</p> <p>Arrive to class on time &amp; prepared to learn. Please bring necessary materials.</p> <p>Be courteous to the other learners in class, at all times.</p> <p>Electronic devices will be put away unless being used for a class assignment.</p>	<p>All policies in the Student Code of Conduct will be followed.</p> <p>Dress appropriately for class.</p> <p>Follow all rules and procedures as if you were in the classroom.</p> <p>Volusia LIVE students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log in to their assigned class <u>on time</u>, via TEAMS.</li> <li>• Keep CAMERA OPEN and MUTE MIC, unless told otherwise.</li> </ul>

Students will maintain proper social distancing and follow all health & safety precautions, which includes the wearing of a mask, when social distancing can't be maintained.

Students will complete and submit all assignments through Microsoft Tams, or Canvas.

Students will clean up their dance space prior to leaving the classroom.

- Participate appropriately with effort.
- Be patient. Wait for designated check in times or use the chat box to ask questions.
- Use the "Raise Hand" feature if you need help or have a question.
- Be aware of what is happening behind you and on camera at all times.
- Stay logged in & active for the duration of the class or until dismissed for work time.

All students will complete and submit assignments through MS Teams, or Canvas by the assigned due date.

**Due to the uncharted territory we are facing this school year, it is imperative that all classroom expectations are always followed.**

**Let's have a fun and safe year learning through dance!**

**- Ms. El Shemi**