

## Sutton Middle Fine & Performing Arts Department: PROFICIENT DANCE



### ***Mission Statement***

*\*To cultivate a safe and positive environment where students can develop and achieve their creative and expressive potential through social, technical, and assessed experiences in the arts.*

### **Course Syllabus**

Course Title: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Proficient Dance

Dance Room: #208

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### **Course Description:**

This course is intended to provide a rigorous training of dance in a broad sense, covering technical aspects of Ballet, Jazz, and Modern dance. Time will also be spent on development of kinesthetic awareness, anatomy, fitness, and dance history.

### **Supplies Needed**

~Spiral Notebook (to be used exclusively for dance class)

~Tan Jazz Shoes (see attached sheet for more info) \*Must have shoes by Monday Aug. 31st, 2015

~Dance Clothing- Loose knit clothing that you can easily move in. Examples are t-shirts, sweat pants, leggings, athletic shorts and pants, or dance apparel such as leotards and tights. \*NO Skirts, Dresses or Jeans.

~Clear bottle for water ONLY; Must have a cap/top to bottle. \*Students will not be permitted to leave class to go to the water fountain.

### **Course Outline:**

Anatomy, Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Choreography, World Dance Focus, Composition, Performance

### **Course Expectations:**

You are expected to dress out everyday no matter what. If you are ill, you must have a signed Parent or Doctor's note to excuse you from dancing. Otherwise, you will be sent to the nurse's office or given a zero for the day. Participation is a must in a dance class. Your final exam will be an after school performance at the end of the semester, which contributes to 30% of your grade. Only parents/guardians can communicate a student not being able to attend the concert, and an alternative written assignment will be given to those students. You will be graded on a daily basis as to how much and how well you participate. Always try your best, have a positive attitude, complete your written work on time, and you will succeed!!

### **Course Assignments:**

Journals

Written Exams

Performance Assessments

Article Reports

Performance Critiques

Choreography Projects

### **Course Evaluation:**

Your Grade will be determined by:

40% Participation

30% Exams/Performances

30% Class

Work/Homework

***FINAL EXAM Performance DATE- Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 7pm***

**Classroom Rules and Policies:**

1. Enter Room quietly & follow directions on board.
2. Stretch quietly in assigned space.
3. Have a positive attitude.
4. Respect yourself & others.
5. Participate to your best ability.
6. Clap at the end of class.

**Horseplay of ANY kind WILL NOT be tolerated. See SMS student handbook for detailed explanation.**

**Locker Room:**

Students will be given 5 minutes at the beginning and end of the class period to change. Please drop your things off in the dance room and check-in with Mrs. Dunleavy BEFORE leaving to dress-out. This is also the time to use the restroom/fill up water bottle. Students will not be permitted to leave during class. If there is a medical need in which the student will frequently need to use the restroom during class, please contact Mrs. Dunleavy.

**Things NOT permitted in Class:**

**\*Hats**

**\*Jewelry**

**\*Revealing Clothing**

**\*Cell Phones**

**\*Food**

**\*Drinks other than water**

**\*Gum**

**\*Shoes (other than dance shoes)**

In keeping with traditional dance etiquette: students should be silently sitting or stretching in their assigned spot on the dance floor at the beginning of class. At the end of each class we will conclude with a "reverence" and/or applause to signify how hard the dancers have worked and to acknowledge the dance teacher's efforts.

*Please Fill out and Return:*

*Dance Dept. Parent/Student Signature and Contact Information*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this document below I have read and understand the Dance Class Syllabus and I am aware of class requirements, expectations and policies. I understand that the final grade earned will reflect the work done throughout the entire semester. If I have any questions I will contact Mrs. Dunleavy via email and schedule a meeting or phone call.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_