## ROBBINSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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#### VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

# High School Dance Grades 9-12

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## **Course Philosophy**

As an art, dance is a conduit of expression and communication. At every level, dancers will learn how to dance with joy, passion, and a respect for technique and history. Students in all grades will explore the diversity of the dance world through learning various styles, techniques, and genres. This will be accomplished through opportunities to learn about the history and context of each style, genre-specific terminology and skills, viewing and critiquing the aesthetics of dance, and creating and performing works in each genre. All of these elements culminate with opportunities for students to perform in multiple venues.

## **Course Description**

Students explore the structure of various dance techniques and genres, beginning with introductory/beginner level movements including but not limited to: world dance, ballet, jazz/hip-hop, tap, ballroom/social dances, and folkloric dance. Units introduce students to dance technique and performance, body awareness, dance history, studies of choreographers, guided improvisation, choreography, elements, and dance critique and analysis.

Note: While middle school dance is not considered a prerequisite to take this course at the high-school level, students who have previously participated in the exploratory course at the middle school level will receive differentiated and enriched instruction based on their prior knowledge of any overlapping units and concepts. See course progression below.

## 9-12 Course Progression

Dance 1	Dance 2	Independent Study in Dance	
Introductory-level course	Successful completion of Dance 1 course OR Successful completion of M.S. Dance OR Teacher Recommendation	Culminating in and assessed by a required juried student-choreographed performance	

## Core and Supplemental Instructional Materials

Core Materials	Supplemental Materials
The Dancer Prepares by Penrod & Plastino	<ul> <li>Various video clips and live performances</li> <li>The Art of Making Dances, Humphrey</li> <li>Writing About Dance, Oliver</li> </ul>

## **Social Emotional Learning Connections**

Below are the five core SEL Competencies as outlined by CASEL, and examples of how each may be addressed within this curriculum

**Self-awareness:** The ability to accurately recognize one's emotions and thoughts and their influence on behavior. This includes accurately assessing one's strengths and limitations and possessing a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism.

**Example 1:** Students recognize one's feelings, thoughts, personal traits, strengths and challenges and how they influence the creative process.

Example 2: Students practice time management, discipline, self-confidence, and collaboration in the refinement of artistic works.

**Self-management:** The ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors effectively in different situations. This includes managing stress, controlling impulses, motivating oneself, and setting and working toward achieving personal and academic goals.

**Example 1:** Students manage emotions, thoughts, and behaviors as an integral part of the generation, refinement, and completion of creative ideas. **Example 2:** Students are open to different perspectives about societal, cultural, and historical concepts in the arts and how they are informed by

example 2: Students are open to different perspectives about societal, cultural, and historical concepts in the arts and now they are informed by one's own traits, strengths, and limitations.

**Social awareness:** The ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures, to understand social and ethical norms for behavior, and to recognize family, school, and community resources and supports.

Example 1: Students develop strategies for managing behaviors, and recognize and develop skills necessary to achieve goals.

**Example 2:** Students recognize and acknowledge the thoughts, feelings, perspectives, and cultural differences among individuals and groups through interpretation and evaluation of artistic works.

**Relationship skills:** The ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups. This includes communicating clearly, listening actively, cooperating, resisting inappropriate social pressure, negotiating conflict constructively, and seeking and offering help when needed.

**Example 1:** Students conceptualize and generate ideas and works in relationship with others.

**Example 2:** Students consider a variety of viewpoints and make choices about the selection and performance/presentation/production of artistic works by considering cultural, historical, and social perspectives of the intended audience.

Responsible decision-making: The ability to make constructive and respectful choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on

consideration of ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms, the realistic evaluation of consequences of various actions, and the well-being of self and others.

**Example 1:** Students consider the impact of decision making during the creative process.

**Example 2:** Students develop capacity for positive communication and constructive conflict resolution when responding to artistic works.

# Integration of 21st Century Themes and Skills

ı	NJSLS-CLKS 9.4: Life Literacies and Key Skills
Creativity and Innovation	See specific standards and their connections/examples for this disciplinary concept listed within each individual unit
	Can be found in unit: 1, 7
	See specific standards and their connections/examples for this disciplinary concept listed within each individual unit
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	Can be found in unit: 2, 6
Digital Citizenship	See specific standards and their connections/examples for this disciplinary concept listed within each individual unit
	Can be found in unit: 3
Global and Cultural Awareness	See specific standards and their connections/examples for this disciplinary concept listed within each individual unit
	Can be found in unit: 7
Information and Media Literacy	See specific standards and their connections/examples for this disciplinary concept listed within each individual unit
	Can be found in unit: 3
Technology Literacy	See specific standards and their connections/examples for this disciplinary concept listed within each individual unit
	Can be found in unit: 5, 6

## Robbinsville Ready 21st Century Skill Integration

The following skills will be embedded throughout the curriculum and instruction of this course.

Collaborative Team Member: Robbinsville students will learn more by working together than in isolation. As educational theorist Lev Vygotsky advocated, learning is a social process. Many workplaces today encourage employees to work in teams to solicit diverse perspectives, brainstorm new ideas and/or products, and solve problems. Further, collaboration fosters interpersonal relationships, self-management skills, cooperation, and a sense of collective responsibility. Collaborative team members are able to work with diverse groups of people who hold a variety of perspectives.

Effective Communicator: Robbinsville students must be able to clearly articulate their ideas orally, in writing, and across various media in order to successfully connect to the world around them. As the world becomes increasingly globalized, communication is more than just sharing one's ideas. Effective communicators are able to communicate their convictions, actively listen and analyze others' work to identify perspective and/or potential bias.

Emotionally Intelligent Learner: Robbinsville students who are emotionally intelligent learn to be empathetic, demonstrate integrity and ethical behavior, are kind, are self-aware, willing to change, and practice self-care. They are better able to cope with the demands of the 21st century digital society and workplace because they are reliable, responsible, form stable and healthy relationships, and seek to grow personally and professionally. Emotionally intelligent people are able to manage their emotions, work effectively on teams and are leaders who can grow and help to develop others.

Informed and Involved Citizen: Robbinsville students need to be digital citizens who are civically and globally aware. The concept of what it means to be "literate" has evolved along with 21st century technological and cultural shifts. Our progressive vision of literacy entails having our students explore real world problems in the classroom. Informed and involved citizens are able to safely and accurately communicate with people all around the world and are financially, environmentally and informationally literate.

Innovative Thinker: Robbinsville students must encompass innovative thinking skills in order to be successful lifelong learners in the 21st century world. As stated by Karl Fisch and Scott McLeod in the short film Shift Happens, "We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist . . . using technologies that haven't been invented . . . in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet." Innovative thinkers are able to think analytically, solve problems critically, creatively engage in curiosity and tinkering, and demonstrate originality.

Resilient and Self-Directed Learner: Robbinsville students need to take risks and ultimately make independent and informed decisions in an ever-changing world. Author of Life, the Truth, and Being Free, Steve Maraboli stated, "Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient." Self-directed scholars of the 21st century are able to set goals, initiate resolutions by seeking creative approaches, and adjust their thinking in light of difficult situations. Resilient students are able to take risks without fear of failure and overcome setbacks by utilizing experiences to confront new challenges. Resilient and self directed scholars will consistently embrace opportunities to initiate solutions and overcome obstacles.

Career Awareness and Planning Standards 9.2						
<b>9.2.12.CAP.2</b> Develop college and career readiness skills by participating in opportunities such as structured learning experiences, apprenticeships, and dual enrollment programs.	<b>Example:</b> In unit 1, students explore what extracurricular and community opportunities exist to supplement their dance education.					
<b>9.2.12.CAP.5</b> Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and postsecondary plans.	<b>Example:</b> In unit 7, students design a plan to continue with their dance interests post high school.					
<b>9.2.12.CAP.6</b> Identify transferable skills in career choices and design alternative career plans based on those skills.	<b>Example</b> : Students determine which 21st century skills in dance they can use in alternative career choices not in a dance field.					

## Robbinsville Public Schools Scope, Sequence, Pacing and Assessment

## High School Dance, 9-12

			Assessments				
Unit Title	Unit Understandings and Goals	Recommended Duration/ Pacing	Formative	Summative	Common Benchmark Assessments (mid-course and end of course <u>only</u> )	Alternative Assessments (projects, etc. when appropriate)	
Unit 1: Knowing your Instrument - The Warm-Up  (Dance 1)	Students will demonstrate a foundational awareness of proper alignment, breath, and body action by establishing healthy and anatomically safe habits in the dance classroom.	2-4 Weeks	Students will use checklist to assess the alignment of their peers  Quiz: Basic unit dance terms, definitions, and identifications	Warm-up skills test  Students will be graded on their ability to perform a warm-up routine correctly with minimal prompting from teacher.	Mid-Course Foundations Assessment	Peer assessment/critiq ue  Student created warm-up routine	

Unit 2: Folkloric Dance (Dance 1)	Students will identify and apply general principles of the folkloric dance to create small choreographic studies that use dance concepts to communicate students' intended purpose.  Students will discuss historical and cultural traditions of the country from which dance originates.	2-4 Weeks	Students will use a guided response sheet to peer-analyze  Quiz: Principles and purposes of the folkloric dance	Students will be graded on their use of the general principles, movements, and dance concepts as specified by a teacher-created rubric.	Mid-Course Foundations Assessment	Presentation of student-created choreography
Unit 3: Musical Theater Dance (Dance 1)	Students will demonstrate core principles, vocabulary, and skills in musical theater dance and apply their understanding to the analysis of repertory works.	2-4 Weeks	Quiz: Unit Vocabulary Demonstration of teacher-created choreography	Student performance (rubric)	Mid-Course Foundations Assessment	Student presentation of concepts
Unit 4: Beginner Ballet (Dance 1)	Students will demonstrate knowledge of skills and vocabulary of beginner ballet technique and compare and contrast characteristics of the genres of romantic, classical, neoclassical, and contemporary ballet.	5-6 Weeks	Quiz: Unit Vocabulary  Foundational positions  Demonstration of teacher-created routine	Student performance (rubric)	End of Course Culminating Assessment Benchmark	Graphic organizer Student journal
Unit 5: Beginning Modern (Dance 2)	Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge and mastery of beginning modern technique through ongoing technique classes and describe and discuss contributions of historical Modern dance figures.	5-6 Weeks	Quiz: Unit Vocabulary  Foundational positions  Demonstration of teacher-created routine	Student performance (rubric)	Mid-Course Foundations Assessment	Student presentation of concepts  Student journal

Unit 6: Contemporary Dance (Dance 2)	Students will identify and discuss the techniques that influence Contemporary Modern dance and apply elements of performance quality to the performance of choreography in this dance style,	3-4 Weeks	Quiz: Unit Vocabulary  Foundational positions  Demonstration of teacher-created routine	Student performance (rubric)	End of Course Culminating Assessment Benchmark	Student presentation of concepts Student journal
Unit 7: Improvisation and Composition (Dance 2/Ind. Study in Dance)	Students will synthesize improvisational skills with choreographic services, structures, and elements in order to create a comprehensive dance piece.	3-4 Weeks	Quiz: Unit Vocabulary Elements of Dance	Student performance (rubric)	End of Course Culminating Assessment Benchmark	Student presentation of concepts Student journal

#### Unit #1: Knowing Your Instrument/Warm-Up

#### **Enduring Understandings:**

- In order to dance well there needs to be a proper warm up and there are things we do as dancers that prepare us to practice
- Training in proper basic dance technique is the foundation for successful and more challenging movement.
- With proper knowledge of the body's structure, dance can be a valuable form of exercise and lifelong healthy living.

#### **Essential Questions:**

- Are human beings designed for dancing?
- Why is range of movement important in determining warm-up exercises?
- What connections can be made between dance and healthful living?
- What are some principles, processes, and structures for creative effective warm-ups?

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**2.1.12.PGD.1:** Develop a health care plan that includes practices and strategies designed to support an active lifestyle, attend to mental health, and foster a healthy, social and emotional life.

**Example:** Students create dance schedules that reflect healthy lifestyles to stay active without overdoing it and avoiding injury.

	ing / Topical Questions th Specific Standards	Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Teaching Strategies	Instructional Resources and Materials	Assessment Strategies
1.1.12p rof.Cr1	Why is the core important in dance?	Identify and discuss basic anatomical components of the core and demonstrate	Learn and perform the different sections of a warm-up with	https://www.youtub e.com/watch?v=GL	Quiz: basic unit dance terms,
a 1.1.12p	How is the core used in	their correct alignment	increasingly less prompting from the teacher	4PnDDRcEo	definitions and identifications
rof.Cr1	proper breathing technique?	Demonstrate awareness of using breath to support movement	Perform basic exercises practicing the vocabulary from the unit	http://www.huma nkinetics.com/exc erpts/excerpts/sa	Peer Assessment
1.1.12p rof.Cr2		Identify the major joints and demonstrate range of movement by independently	Learn and perform short	mple-lesson-warm- up-levels-shadows-	Warm-up skills test
a 1.1.12p	How can breath support or hinder movement?	building and executing a warm up sequence	combinations using the vocabulary from the unit	and-mirrors	
rof.Cr2		Correctly perform basic foundational steps individually and in combination	Prompt: Explain why it is important to warm-up and what		
9.4.12. CI.1	What must a dancer do to prepare the mind and		elements make a proper warm-up		

body for artistic		
expression?		
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What is the importance of		
a warm-up?		
How do dancers use range		
of movement of the body		
to express themselves		
through time, space, and		
energy?		
What are the foundational		
steps and positions for		
common dances?		
What are commonly used		
combinations of these		
steps?		
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#### Unit #2: Folkloric Dance

#### **Enduring Understandings:**

- Dance is a universal form of expression that is not limited by verbal language or geography.
- Knowledge of dance history leads to a lifelong appreciation and active interest in the arts, while providing context for the study of styles of dance from various eras and cultures.

#### **Essential Questions:**

- What are the general movements and principles of this dance?
- What historical and cultural traditions influence this dance?
- What are the purposes of this dance in its country/countries of origin?

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**7.1.NH.IPRET.1:** Identify familiar words and phrases in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes **Example:** Students explore cultural and folkloric dances using culturally responsive language to draw comparisons to familiar examples.

	ing / Topical Questions th Specific Standards	Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Teaching Strategies	Instructional Resources and Materials	Assessment Strategies
1.1.12p	How do structural	Observe video footage of folkloric dance to	Baseline pre-assessment to	Writing about Dance	Quiz: Principles and
rof.Cr2	components of plays and	identify and analyze general movement	determine what students already	book	purpose of folkloric
a	performances from	principles	know about selected dances		dance
1 1 1 2 -	different historical eras			Various videos	
1.1.12p rof.Cr3	compare across Western	Perform a variety of dance steps particular	Students will perform		Guided response
a a	and non-Western theatrical	to this style, individually and in	teacher-created choreography on	Newsela	sheet
	traditions?	combination	their own		
1.1.12p					Peer Assessment
rof.Pr4	How can you determine	Apply various dance concepts to	Students will view video footage of		
a	the effectiveness of	communicate the purpose of their	folkloric dance examples and		Student-created
1 1 1 2	various methods of	choreography	participate in guided discussion and		choreography
1.1.12p rof.Re7	physical techniques used in		response activities		presentation
a a	training?	Key terms include:			
a		- dance steps particular to the dance	Students will complete a graphic		
2.2.23p	How are social, political,	style chosen	organizer to plan for the ways that		
rof.Re7	and/or historical themes	- cultural and historical words of	they will use the dance concepts to		
b	reflected in performances	importance specific to the dance	communicate their choreographic		
	and choreography?		intent		

9.4.12.			and the culture from which it		
Ct.1	Choreograph and perform		comes	Students will collaborate in groups	
	movement sequences that	-	general movement principles	to create a dance study in folkloric	
	demonstrate artistic		specific to the dance	style	
	application of anatomical	-	dance concepts that will be		
	and kinesthetic principles		explored through studying the	Students will view video footage of	
	as well as rhythmic acuity.		dance and in student choreography	their dance work and complete a	
			(i.e. space, relationships, levels, etc.)	self-assessment sheet	
	What observational and				
	emotional responses are			Students will perform their dance	
	invoked by various			study within the larger	
	culturally and historically			choreography created by the	
	specific works of dance?			teacher.	
	What symbols and				
	metaphors are embedded				
	in specific examples of				
	dance?				

#### Unit #3: Musical Theater Dance

#### **Enduring Understandings:**

- Comparing and contrasting various types of dance creates a well-rounded dance student and future patron of the arts
- Evaluation is a critical component for improving and appreciating the aesthetics of a performance
- Using correct terms and concepts helps to create an effective analysis of a performance piece
- Using the common vocabulary of dance terms assists dancers in communicating with each other and with choreographers

#### **Essential Questions:**

- What are the key characteristics of dance in musical theater?
- What connections can be made between dance and other disciplines?
- Why is written analysis important?
- How do you build an effective analysis or argument?
- What purpose do critique, peer-critique, and self-critique serve in the arts?

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**2.1.12.PGD.1:** Develop a health care plan that includes practices and strategies designed to support an active lifestyle, attend to mental health, and foster a healthy, social and emotional life.

**Example:** Students create dance schedules that reflect healthy lifestyles to stay active without overdoing it and avoiding injury.

	ding / Topical Questions with Specific Standards  Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills		Teaching Strategies	Instructional Resources and Materials	Assessment Strategies
1.1.12p	How do you select	Perform a variety of dance steps particular	Students will watch various video	Writing about Dance	Demonstration of
rof.Re7	movements to	to this style	clips and live performances	book	teacher-created
a	choreograph both planned		focusing on musical theater		choreography
1.1.12p	and improvised	Perform choreography in the style of		Various critical essays	
rof.Re8	solo/group works to	musical theater techniques	Highlight key concepts and terms		Quiz: key vocabulary
a	manipulate aspects of		particular to this style	Newsela	
	time, space, and energy?	Observe and analyze video footage of			Performance of
1.1.12p		repertory works in this style using	Read critical analysis essays of	Various video clips	dance steps from this
rof.Re9	How do these movements	vocabulary and principles to inform your	contemporary dance and discuss	and live	unit
a	work together to reflect	critique		performances	
1	social, historical, and/or	-	Rehearse various teacher-created		Written analysis of
1.1.12p	political themes?	Discuss historical and cultural influences	choreography and routines related		two repertory works
rof.Pr5		that guided the development of this style	to this style		seen in class
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1.1.12p rof.Pr4 a 9.4.12. DC.3	What media arts are appropriate to use in the creation and performance of short, original choreographic	Key terms include:  - dance steps particular to this style - core movement principles specific to this style - selected dance figures and	Write a critical analysis of two repertory works seen in class	
9.4.12.I ML.8	what choreographic structures are used in this style of dance? How do these relate to the elements and principles of dance?	repertory pieces in this style		
	What systems are used to create effective performances? How are they used?			

#### Unit #4: Beginner Ballet

Enduring	<b>Understandings:</b>	
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- There are several periods and genres throughout the history and development of ballet
- Many foundational movements are traditional positionings
- Choreographers build upon similar traditions and foundations in ballet, even in modern routines

#### **Essential Questions:**

- How do we accurately perform ballet movements?
- What are the different ballet genres?
- What characterizes each genre of ballet?
- How can we use the characteristics of each genre to inform our own ballet choreography?
- How has ballet evolved? What, if any, traditions remain?

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**2.1.12.PGD.1:** Develop a health care plan that includes practices and strategies designed to support an active lifestyle, attend to mental health, and foster a healthy, social and emotional life.

Example: Students create dance schedules that reflect healthy lifestyles to stay active without overdoing it and avoiding injury.

Guiding / Topical Questions with Specific Standards		Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Teaching Strategies	Instructional Resources and Materials	Assessment Strategies
1.1.12p rof.Re7	What are the foundational movements and	Students will identify, compare, and contrast characteristics of different ballet	Baseline pre-assessment to learn what students already know about ballet	Various video clips and live	Quiz: key vocabulary
1.1.12p	positionings in each genre of ballet?	Students create short dance studies using	Ballet barre, center, and across the	https://www.youtub	Student performance (rubric)
rof.Re8		ballet vocabulary and specific techniques	floor work	e.com/watch?v=TXt Y95hazZI	Culminating performance
1.1.12p		Discuss important innovations throughout	Students will perform		•
rof.Re9	What movements are	the history of ballet	teacher-created choreography on		End-of-Course
a	necessary for creating an		their own	https://www.balletcu	Benchmark
1 1 1 1 2	effective ballet	Identify important figures in each genre of		rriculum.com/worki	Assessment
1.1.12p rof.Pr5	performance?	ballet	Students will view video footage in	ng-with-early-interm	
a a			each genre and complete a graphic	ediate-students/	Student journals
	What concepts, skills, and	Key terms include:	organizer to compare and contrast		
1.1.12p	traditions can be seen	- foot positions in ballet	genre-specific characteristics. Class		Socratic Seminar
rof.Pr4	across different genres,	- plié, tendu, relève, dégage,	discussion of observations		
b	including ballet?	bettement, rond de jambe,			
		cou-de-pied, passe, développe,			

1.1.12p			pirouette, body facings, arm	Create dance studies using selected	
rof.Pr5	Interpret ballet specific		positions, chaine, pique, attitude,	ballet vocabulary and	
c	choreographic structures		fondu, changement, glissade,	characteristics of presented genre	
	and apply to		assemble, jete, pas de bourrée, pas		
	student-created		de chat, échappe, tombe, adagio,	Students complete a reflective	
	culminating performances		etc.	journal on their experiences	
		-	Romantic, Classical, Neoclassical,	_	
			and Contemporary periods		

#### Unit #5: Beginning Modern

#### **Enduring Understandings:**

- Using the common vocabulary of dance terms assists dancers in communicating with each other and with choreographers.
- Dance develops the body and mind as creative and expressive instruments
- Study of the life and choreography of dance pioneers sists in the creation of original choreography

#### **Essential Questions:**

- How do we identify and demonstrate movement elements and skills in performing modern dance?
- How do we apply and demonstrate critical and creative thinking skills in dance?
- What are the key characteristics that categorize a dance as modern?

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**2.1.12.PGD.2:** Predict how healthy and unhealthy behaviors can affect brain development and impact physical, social and emotional stages of early adulthood. **Example:** Students example the impact of dance and how its recommended use and misuse affects the brain.

	ing / Topical Questions th Specific Standards	Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Teaching Strategies	Instructional Resources and Materials	Assessment Strategies
1.1.12p	What are some of the	Important contributions of modern dance	Learn and perform modern dance	The Art of Making	Quiz: key vocabulary
rof.Cr1	historical modern dance	pioneers	exercises, combinations, and	<u>Dances</u> book	
b	techniques?		routines		Student performance
1 1 12-	_	Observe and discuss works of modern		Various video clips	(rubric)
1.1.12p rof.Cr2	How do we train in	dance choreographers	Take part in class discussions of	and live	
b	modern dance technique?		key characteristics in this style	performances	Culminating
	_	Compare/contrast modern dance across			performance
1.1.12p	What are the similarities	different cultures and regions	Read biographical information	https://www.cde.st	
rof.Cr3	and differences between		about modern dance pioneers and	ate.co.us/standard	End-of-Course
a	the historical modern	Key terms include:	answer guided discussion questions	sandinstruction/ins	Benchmark
1 1 1 2	dance techniques?	- roll down		tructionalunits-dan	Assessment
1.1.12p		- contraction	Follow teacher-created	<u>ce</u>	
rof.Pr5	Who are the historical	- release	choreography in this style		Student journals
	figures in the modern	- flat back			
1.1.12p	dance world and what are	- spiral	Create short routines using key		Student class
rof.Pr6	their contributions?	- parallel/turnout	movements and techniques in this		discussion and peer
d		- fall/recovery/rebound	style		discussion

1.1.12p rof.Re7 a 1.1.12p rof.Cn1 0a	What are some historical modern dance works, and what elements of dance can we observe in them?	- triplets - Modern dance positions of feet and arms - inversions - fan - swings - leg swings
9.4.12. TL.3		

#### Unit #6: Contemporary Dance

#### **Enduring Understandings:**

- A choreographer's creations are based on personal life experience and prior dance/movement experiences.
- The practice of attending dance performances in educational and professional realms increases a dancer's exposure to choreographers, cultures, styles, traditions, and trents.
- Contemporary dance is rooted in the movements of traditional dances that have come before.

#### **Essential Questions:**

- How does creating and performing in the arts differ from viewing the arts?
- What key characteristics categorize a dance as contemporary?
- How is contemporary dance different from modern dance?
- What dance traditions can still be found in contemporary dance?

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**2.1.12.PGD.2:** Predict how healthy and unhealthy behaviors can affect brain development and impact physical, social and emotional stages of early adulthood. **Example:** Students example the impact of dance and how its recommended use and misuse affects the brain.

Guiding / Topical Questions with Specific Standards		Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Teaching Strategies	Instructional Resources and Materials	Assessment Strategies
1.1.12p	How do we construct and	- Demonstrate and perform	Discuss contemporary dance in	The Art of Making	Quiz: key vocabulary
rof.Cr1	convey meaning through	movement skills specific to	modern pop culture and television	<u>Dances</u> book	
b	dance?	Contemporary dance			Student performance
1 1 1 2 -		-	View recordings of contemporary	Various video clips	(rubric)
1.1.12p rof.Cr2	Does dance have to have a	- Discuss the techniques that	works and perform using stylistic	and live	
b	prescribed form to be	influence Contemporary dance and	elements discussed	performances	Written critical essays
	valued?	identify specific examples of the			
1.1.12p		influences	Key terms include:	"So You Think You	Culminating
rof.Cr3		-	- focus, movement quality,	Can Dance"	performance
a	Who are notable figures	- Recall elements of performance	spatial awareness, body	television show clips	
1 1 1 2	and choreographers in the	quality and apply them to a formal	awareness, energy, gesture,		End-of-Course
1.1.12p rof.Pr5	Contemporary dance	dance critique	facial expression, narrative,	"Dancing with the	Benchmark
b	genre, and what have they	-	pedestrian movement,	Stars" television	Assessment
	contributed to its	- Write critically about forms of	pantomime, symbolism	show clips	
	development?	dance and use historical context to			Student journals
		evaluate dance elements			

1.1.12p rof.Pr6 d	Read about and v contemporary ch identify influence dance genre	noreographers and
rof.Re7 a	Examples of not - Bill T Jos - Jennifer	nes
rof.Cn1 0a	- Dean Cu	arran ad Richardson
9.4.12. CT.1 9.4.12.	- Mandy M - Twyla Tl - Pilobolu	harp is
TL.3	- Robert F  Review and analy	
		se student-written

#### Unit #7: Improvisation and Composition

#### **Enduring Understandings:**

- Dance exists to be shared with an audience and dancers/choreographers must have opportunities to exhibit their work, receive feedback, and revise.
- Improvisation is important in the expression of higher level and divergent thinking and problem solving.
- Evaluation and self-evaluation are critical components for improving and appreciating the aesthetics of a performance.

#### **Essential Questions:**

- How do established and traditional dance movements drive improvisation in dance?
- What elements are needed in an effective improvisational performance?
- Why is dance critique and evaluation important?
- How does improvisation help to develop new movement ideas?

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

**7.1.NH.PRSNT.4:** Tell or retell stories from age- and level-appropriate, culturally authentic materials orally or in writing. **Example:** Students use culturally authentic stories as a foundation to create an original dance interpretation, and write or present a rationale behind their work.

Guiding / Topical Questions with Specific Standards		Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Teaching Strategies	Instructional Resources and Materials	Assessment Strategies
1.1.12a	How can improvisation	Create short dance studies based on	Students will participate in various	The Art of Making	Quiz: key vocabulary
cc.Cr1a	lead to composition?	improvisation	improvisational exercises focused	<u>Dances</u> book	
1 1 1 2			on teaching elements of		Student performance
1.1.12a cc.Cr1b	What are the	Describe and apply choreographic devices,	choreography	Various video clips	(rubric)
CC.CFID	choreographic structures,	structures, and elements to improvisational		and live	
1.1.12a	devices, and elements?	choreography	Watch and discuss video footage of	performances	Student journals
cc.Cr2a			different dance works that clearly		
	How do we structure a	Create a dance routine utilizing the	display use of choreographic	https://www.contem	Culminating
1.1.12a	dance?	choreographic devices, structures, and	structures, devices, and elements	porary-dance.org/da	performance (Note:
cc.Pr4a		principles		nce-composition.htm	independent study
1 1 1 1 2			Create an original dance routine	1	performances are juried
1.1.12a cc.Pr6a		Analyze professional works for their clear	that utilizes different		for a final grade)
CC.F10a	How do professional	use of choreographic devices, structures,	choreographic elements, structures,	https://firescholars.s	
1.1.12a	choreographers use the	and elements	and devices	eu.edu/cgi/viewcont	End-of-Course
cc.Re7b	choreographic devices,			ent.cgi?article=1051	Benchmark
	structures, and elements to	Key terms include:	"Works in progress" performance	&context=honors	Assessment
	convey meaning?		for peer critique to engage in a		

1.1.12a		- improvisation, composition,	conversation about the elements,	
cc.Re9a	In what ways can	choreographic elements	devices, and structures evident in	
1.1.12a	performances be shared	- levels: low, medium, high	the student works	
cc.Cn1	with an audience?	- body design: curved, angular,		
0a		symmetrical, asymmetrical	Students complete a reflective	
		- pathway, direction, facing,	journal on their experiences	
9.4.12.		proximity, focus, speed, phrasing,		
CI.1		motif, repetition, theme, variation,		
		rondo, narrative, chance, force,		
9.4.12.		canon, retrograde, shape		
TL.3				
9.4.12.		Note: Students participating in Independent Study		
GCA.1		in Dance must complete a juried performance of		
		their work as a culminating assessment grade for		
		this course sequence.		

General Differentiated Instruction Strategies				
<ul> <li>Leveled texts</li> <li>Chunking texts</li> <li>Choice board</li> <li>Socratic Seminar</li> <li>Tiered Instruction</li> <li>Small group instruction</li> <li>Guided Reading</li> <li>Sentence starters/frames</li> <li>Writing scaffolds</li> <li>Tangible items/pictures</li> <li>Adjust length of assignment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat, reword directions</li> <li>Brain breaks and movement breaks</li> <li>Brief and concrete directions</li> <li>Checklists for tasks</li> <li>Graphic organizers</li> <li>Assistive technology (spell check, voice to type)</li> <li>Study guides</li> <li>Tiered learning stations</li> <li>Tiered questioning</li> <li>Data-driven student partnerships</li> <li>Extra time</li> </ul>			

Possible Additional Strategies for Special Education Students, 504 Students, At-Risk Students, and English Language Learners (ELLs)

Time/General	Processing	Comprehension	Recall
<ul> <li>Extra time for assigned tasks</li> <li>Adjust length of assignment</li> <li>Timeline with due dates for reports and projects</li> <li>Communication system between home and school</li> <li>Provide lecture notes/outline</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extra Response time</li> <li>Have students verbalize steps</li> <li>Repeat, clarify or reword directions</li> <li>Mini-breaks between tasks</li> <li>Provide a warning for transitions</li> <li>Reading partners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Precise step-by-step directions</li> <li>Short manageable tasks</li> <li>Brief and concrete directions</li> <li>Provide immediate feedback</li> <li>Small group instruction</li> <li>Emphasize multi-sensory learning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teacher-made checklist</li> <li>Use visual graphic organizers</li> <li>Reference resources to promote independence</li> <li>Visual and verbal reminders</li> <li>Graphic organizers</li> </ul>

Assistive Technology	Assessments and Grading	Behavior/Attention	Organization
<ul> <li>Computer/whiteboard</li> <li>Tape recorder</li> <li>Spell-checker</li> <li>Audio-taped books</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extended time</li> <li>Study guides</li> <li>Shortened tests</li> <li>Read directions aloud</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consistent daily structured routine</li> <li>Simple and clear classroom rules</li> <li>Frequent feedback</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Individual daily planner</li> <li>Display a written agenda</li> <li>Note-taking assistance</li> <li>Color code materials</li> </ul>

#### **Enrichment**

The goal of Enrichment is to provide learners with the opportunity to participate in extension activities that are differentiated and enhance the curriculum. All enrichment decisions will be based upon individual student needs.

- Show a high degree of intellectual, creative and/or artistic ability and demonstrate this ability in multiple ways.
- Pose questions and exhibit sincere curiosity about principles and how things work.
- The ability to grasp concepts and make real world and cross-curricular connections.
- Generate theories and hypotheses and pursue methods of inquiry.
- Produce products that express insight, creativity, and excellence.
- Possess exceptional leadership skills.
- Evaluate vocabulary
- Elevate Text Complexity
- Inquiry based assignments and projects
- Independent student options
- Tiered/Multi-level activities
- Purposeful Learning Center
- Open-ended activities and projects
- Form and build on learning communities
- Providing pupils with experiences outside the 'regular' curriculum
- Altering the pace the student uses to cover regular curriculum in order to explore topics of interestin greater depth/breadth within their own grade level
- A higher quality of work than the norm for the given age group.
- The promotion of a higher level of thinking and makingconnections.
- The inclusion of additional subject areas and/or activities (cross-curricular).
- Using supplementary materials in addition to the normal range of resources.

## English Language Learner (ELL) Resources

- Learning style quiz for students- http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/learning-styles-quiz.shtml
- "Word clouds" from text that you provide-http://www.wordle.net/
- Bilingual website for students, parents and educators: http://www.colorincolorado.org/
- Learn a language for FREE-www.Duolingo.com
- Time on task for students-http://www.online-stopwatch.com/
- Differentiation activities for students based on their Lexile-www.Mobymax.com
- WIDA-http://www.wida.us/
- Everything ESL http://www.everythingESL.net
- ELL Tool Box Suggestion Site http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/elltoolbox
- Hope4Education http://www.hope4education.com
- Learning the Language http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning-the-language/
- FLENJ (Foreign Language Educators of NJ) 'E-Verse' wiki: http://www.flenj.org/Publications/?page=135
- OELA http://www.ed.gov/offices/OBEMLA
- New Jersey Department of Education-Bilingual Education information http://www.state.nj.us/education/bilingual/

## **Special Education Resources**

- Animoto -Animoto provides tools for making videos by using animation to pull together a series of images and combining with audio. Animoto videos or presentations are easy to publish and share. https://animoto.com
- Bookbuilder -Use this site to create, share, publish, and read digital books that engage and support diverse learners according to their individual needs, interests, and skills. http://bookbuilder.cast.org/
- CAST -CAST is a non-profit research and development organization dedicated to Universal Design for Learning (UDL). UDL research demonstrates that the challenge of diversity can and must be met by making curriculum flexible and responsive to learner differences. http://www.cast.org
- CoSketch -CoSketch is a multi-user online whiteboard designed to give you the ability to quickly visualize and share your ideas as images. http://www.cosketch.com/
- Crayon -The Crayon.net site offers an electronic template for students to create their own newspapers. The site allows you to bring multiple sources together, thus creating an individualized and customized newspaper. http://crayon.net/ Education Oasis -Education Oasis offers a collection of graphic organizers to help students organize and retain knowledge cause and effect, character and story, compare and

- contrast, and more! http://www.educationoasis.com/printables/graphic-organizers/
- Edutopia -A comprehensive website and online community that increases knowledge, sharing, and adoption of what works in K-12 education. We emphasize core strategies: project-based learning, comprehensive assessment, integrated studies, social and emotional learning, educational leadership and teacher development, and technology integration. <a href="http://www.edutopia.org/">http://www.edutopia.org/</a>
- Glogster -Glogster allows you to create "interactive posters" to communicate ideas. Students can embed media links, sound, and video, and then share their posters with friends. http://edu.glogster.com/?ref=personal
- Interactives Elements of a Story -This interactive breaks down the important elements of a story. Students go through the series of steps for constructing a story including: Setting, Characters, Sequence, Exposition, Conflict, Climax, and Resolution. http://www.learner.org/interactives/story/index.html
- National Writing Project (NWP) -Unique in breadth and scale, the NWP is a network of sites anchored at colleges and universities and serving teachers across disciplines and at all levels, early childhood through university. We provide professional development, develop resources, generate research, and act on knowledge to improve the teaching of writing and learning in schools and communities. http://www.nwp.org
- Pacecar -Vocab Ahead offers videos that give an active demonstration of vocabulary with audio repeating the pronunciation, definition, various uses, and synonyms. Students can also go through flash cards which give a written definition and visual representation of the word. http://pacecar.missingmethod.com/