

## ***Performance Dance Syllabus***

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**Course Description:** Performance Dance is a full year course that is designed to prepare the serious dancer for a post-high school career in dance. Students will participate in an advanced study of the four main areas of dance education: Performance, Composition, Critique and Appreciation, and Dance History.

**Course Expectations:** : Performance Dance will expand upon the technical framework outlined in Dance IV by concentrating on the modern, jazz, tap, ballet, and lyrical technique, choreography, and performance skills necessary to pursue dance at the collegiate or professional level. Choreography projects, out of school performances, and supplemental master classes will be included each marking period in your choreography, skill assessment, and performance grades. The following is a breakdown of the first marking period in terms of dance genres and assignments. Other marking period schedules will be forthcoming.

Week 1: Dance Orientation  
Week 2, 3: Modern  
Week 4: Terminology review and test  
Week 5: Jazz  
Week 6: Performance preparation and review  
Week 7: Ballet  
Terminology review and test  
Week 8: Tap  
Week 9, 10: Lyrical  
Group choreography project  
Benchmark Test

**Midterm and Final Exam** – the midterm will be taken in three parts; written, skill assessment and performance. The final exam grade is performing in the end of the year dance recital.