Blackhawk School District

CURRICULUM

Course Title: Advanced Dance

Course Number: 1345 First Semester / 1346 Second Semester

Grade Level(s): Grades 8-12
Periods per week: Every Other Day
Length of Period: 42 minutes
Length of Course: Semester

Credits: .25 credits

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Advanced Dance Class is for students in grades 8th through 12th who have a minimum of 1 year of dance training. Participants need to have a basic knowledge of dance and dance vocabulary. Students must have appropriate dance attire to participate (leotard, tights, and ballet slippers). Students will be instructed in tap, jazz, and ballet. A certified dance instructor and a physical education teacher will instruct the class.

The following outline provides a general overview of the course content, not a chronological timetable. The weeks denoted for each area provide an idea for the overall time spent working with a given topic throughout the school year.

	COURSE OUTLINE & Proposed Time	OBJECTIVES (PA standard)	RESOURCES	LESSON REFLECTION (for future revisions)
~	Proper classroom etiquette	10.3.12 D Understand the benefits, risks and safety	Dance Studio	
	1. Proper Attire	factors associated with self-selected life-long physical		
	2. Proper behavior.	activities.	Stereo	
	3. Respect for teacher, students, and the			
	art form.	10.5.9 C Identify and apply practice strategies for skill		
>	Gain better strength, flexibility, and balance:	improvement		
	1. Ballet barre stretches			
	2. Center floor stretches	10.5.9 D Identify and describe the principles of		
	3. Calf and Ankle strength through	training using appropriate vocabulary.		
	releve and tendu.			
	4. Upper body strength: abdominal	10.4.9 A Engage in physical activities that are		
	work, proper placement whole	developmentally appropriate and support achievement		
	dancing, lower back strength	of personal fitness and activity goals.		
	(arabesque).			
	5. Arm strength through port de bra,	10.5.12 A Apply knowledge of movement skills, skill-		
	push-ups, and dips.	related fitness and movement concepts to identify and		
	6. Inner and other thigh strength: Plie,	evaluate physical activities that promote personal		
	developpe, and grand battement	lifelong participation.		
	> Students will learn basic dance steps and	10.40 ** 1 1 60 6 1 1		
	begin to combine them in to short 8-16	10.4.9 Understand the effects of regular participation		
	count combinations.	in moderate to vigorous physical activities in relation		
	Basic dance steps to learn:	to adolescent health improvement (stress management,		
	Plie	disease prevention, and weight management).		
	Grand Battement	0.1.12 A. Warren and a surface of the design of		
	Tendu	9.1.12 A Know and use elements and principles of		
	Releve	dance to create works:		
	Saute	Elements: energy/force, space, time		
	Changement	Principles: choreography, form, genre, improvisation,		
	Chasse Chaine	style, and technique		
	Rond de jambe	9.1.12 B. Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a		
	Developpe	variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to		
	Pas de Chat	produce, review and review original works in the arts.		
	Port de bra	i.e. move, perform, improvise		
	Degege	i.e. move, perform, improvise		
	Pique Pique	9.1.12 C Integrate and apply advanced vocabulary to		
	Leaps	dance.		
	Pas de bourree	dunce.		
	Echappe	9.1.12 G Analyze the effect of rehearsal and practice		
	Passe Jumps	sessions.		