**Dance Majors Syllabus**

**Damman - 2023-2024**

The following information outlines the expectations and grading policies for the learning experience in Dance for the year of 2023-2024. This information applies to all current dance majors at Lincoln Academy in the 7th and 8th grade. \*SIGN AND RETURN\*

**Course Expectations:**

1. **Complete all assignments given in class.** All assignments will be given in class and should not be taken home as homework unless absolutely necessary. If you are absent from class due to sickness, or just need to access course materials online, Canvas is where you will find all materials for class. Announcements will be posted highlighting the assignments for each unit. *This applies if we return to online learning, you must CHECK CANVAS!* If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up what you missed before the end of the grading period.
2. **Check your graded assignments on Powerschool or Canvas (see grading policy).** Check each assignment and make sure work is complete and your grade is sufficient. Assignments can be found in Canvas and your most accurate grades will be posted in POWERSCHOOL. Allow 1-2 weeks for Powerschool updates. See grading policy and category weights below.
3. **Sign and return feedback rubrics every 3 weeks.** This is a school-wide expectation. I will be sending home 3-week check-ins that update parents on students’ progress in class academically and behaviorally.
4. **Maintain a clear and consistent mode of communication with Ms. Damman.** Whether using google text, email, or canvas inbox, or feedback rubric, students MUST communicate with Ms. Damman when they will be absent for an extended period of time. Please also use these methods to communicate concerns and questions during the school year about grades, social issues, etc. I am here to help you - just reach out! Avoid sending messages after 9 pm. See info below.
5. **Students must dress out DAILY for class.** Dancers must wear or bring clothes to change into. Dance clothes include moveable pants (leggings, sweats, and school-appropriate length shorts), t-shirts, leotards, or school appropriate tank tops, socks, barefeet, or jazz shoes. PROHIBITED items include: jeans, skirts, dresses, jewelry (large earrings, bracelets, rings), air pods, phones. Points will be taken off for any dress code violations, students will not get any free passes this year.
6. **Have all required materials for class.** ***This includes a spiral or composition notebook and BLACK jazz shoes (required by Oct. 2nd).*** Notebooks needed by 9/5; notebooks can be reused or borrowed from Ms. Damman. Students can buy their own Jazz shoes to keep and bring to class daily. Jazz shoes will be worn during Jazz units and for all performances year-round. They usually run around $30 and can be found on the following sites: (See MS. Damman for more info)
   1. Discountdancesupply.com
   2. Justforkix.com
   3. amazon.com
   4. Carolina Dancewear located at 1627 New Garden Rd.Greensboro Nc, 27410
7. **Perform in all required performances:**

* \*Fall Concert on Thursday, Nov. 16th @ 7:00 pm
* \*Spring Concert on Thursday May 9th @ 7:00 pm
* \*\*Tentative Majors Showcase on Friday, May 10th @ 6:00 pm

**Other required performances for specific grade levels**:

* 8th Grade GCS Dance Day Field Trip Friday, Dec.1st during school hours (8th grade students chosen by Ms. Damman)
* Performing Arts Day (during school hours) November 17th, January 18th, May 17th
* Coffee House Performances - optional for students but encouraged!

**Classroom Expectations for In-person Learning**

1. **Be on time for class every day.** Students get 3 minutes for transitions in between classes, students should arrive on time and take no longer than 3 extra minutes to change clothes and enter the room to start class. Students who enter the room more than 3 minutes after the start of class time without a note from a teacher or admin will be considered tardy..
2. **Leave ALL belongings in the hallway.** Shoes, bookbags, drinks, snacks, electronics cannot enter the classroom. Water is the only drink allowed in the classroom, cell phones/ airpods should be left in your book bag or locker.
3. **Majors MUST dress out for class every day.** See dress code violations above and grading point scale below. Use the changing room to dress out and follow all expectations posted in the dressing room.
4. **Use the bathroom BEFORE or AFTER class.** We have limited time in class, let’s make the most of it! If you have an emergency, make sure to ask for permission, sign out, and take a bathroom pass before you go. Limit 3 minutes for bathroom breaks. No breaks during the first and last 5 minutes of class.
5. **Keep the hallway and dressing room clean.** Use the trash cans in the dance room and use wipes/ paper towels as needed. Do not leave spills, crumbs, or candy unaddressed.

**Consequences:**

1st infraction – verbal warning

2nd infraction – verbal warning and email, text, or call home

3rd infraction – minor referral and email, text, or call home + potential detention

4th and beyond – minor referral or major office referral

**Grading Policy**

**Students are graded on the following Criteria:**

**In-class Participation 50%**

**In-class Journals 20%**

**In-class Assignments 20%**

**Projects and Performances 10%**

**Students receive 2 points per day for Participation.** By the end of the week students will have received 10 points for the week. You can *lose* participation points by:

* + Not dressing out or wearing inappropriate attire (jeans, shoes, bracelets or large jewelry)
  + Not actively participating (sitting out without a note from home or doctor, not engaging in group work, misbehaving) students will receive a warning before losing this point

**All Assignments are graded using a points-based rubric.** All assignments will be given in class but can be found on Canvas as well as needed. Points are based on assignment requirements. This includes performances.

**No points will be taken off for late work EVER.** If your work is late, there will be no points taken off as long as the assignment is still available. Be sure to *notify me* if you will be turning in an assignment late. Be sure to submit work before the end of the grading period.

**Students can re-submit any assignment.** If you are not happy with your grade, students can re-submit any assignment with no point deduction. Just ask!

You can reach me directly on Canvas or through my email [dammank@gcsnc.com](mailto:dammank@gcsnc.com)

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--------------------------------------sign and return by 9/15-----------------------------------------

***I have read and understand the expectations for class, grading policy, and consequences for infractions...***

Student Name Print:

Parent Name Print:

Parent Phone #:

Parent Email: