**One-Semester 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Dance Syllabus**

**Damman - 2023-2024**

The following information outlines the expectations and grading policies for the learning experience in Dance for the year of 2023-24. This information applies to all current students at Lincoln Academy taking dance for **one semester** in the 6th, 7th, or 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 quarantine, 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. **Have all required materials for class.** ***This includes a notebook and moveable clothing for class***. Your notebook will stay in the Dance room all semester. Ms. Damman has a limited number of journals students can use. Due by 9/4
	1. Moveable clothing includes:
		1. leggings, jeans you can move in, sweatpants, or school appropriate shorts, tshirts, or school appropriate tank tops. Socks encouraged.
		2. NO crop tops, NO dresses/skirts, NO large jewelry, NO outside jackets, NO loose bracelets.

Students taking dance for one semester will NOT be required to change out for class daily but are still expected to be able to dance in whatever clothes they wear to school. If a student needs to change out before class, they can use the changing room across the hall from the dance room or change in a bathroom before arriving to class on time. Make sure to wear your appropriate clothing to class or ask to change out before class if needed.

1. **Perform in 1 required performance per semester:** Students who do not perform will be given a written alternate assignment.
	* 1. Fall Concert on Thursday, Nov. 17th @ 7:00 pm
		2. Spring Concert on thursday, May 9th @ 7:00 pm

Other Performance opportunities:

* + 1. Dance Team auditions 9/6 - this is an extra curricular opportunity for students to get involved with dance and performance.

**Classroom Expectations for In-person Learning**

7. **Be on time for class every day.** Students get 3 minutes for transitions in between classes, students should arrive on time (by the sound of the bell) and take no longer than 1 extra minute to remove shoes and enter the room to start class. Students who enter the room more than 5 minutes after the start of class time without a note from a teacher or admin will be considered tardy. See consequences below.

8. **Leave ALL belongings in the hallway.** Shoes, bookbags, drinks, snacks, electronics cannot enter the classroom. Cell phones/ airpods should be left in your bookbag or locker.

10. **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 and use a Hall Pass. Limit 5 minutes for bathroom breaks. No breaks during the first and last 5 minutes of class.

11. **NO food or drink in the dance room**. All food and candy must stay in the hallway and is not allowed in the dance room. All drinks must stay in the hallway except for water. NO Gum or candy in class.

12. **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 + detention

4th and beyond – 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 being prepared for class with materials (journal and moveable clothing) students who cannot physically dance in the clothes they wear will be asked to sit out and lose a point.
	+ Not actively participating (sitting out without a note from parent 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. Make up or alternate assignments can be found on Canvas. 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.

**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

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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: