

WEST HIGH DANCE DEPARTMENT

Parent Night March 7, 2023 ~ Ms. Terri Vorhis (310) 533-4299 x 7731 (vorhi.terris@tusd.org)

Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop

Focusing on **STAGE PERFORMANCE**

BEGINNING DANCE:

Open to all 9-12 grade students (boys & girls)- No experience necessary

Physical Education credit

No audition required- schedule with your counselor No summer obligation

Performance opportunities: Winter & Spring dance concert, basketball halftime & Spring Showcase.

No after school obligations unless they are chosen as a performer and then they would attend technical rehearsals (3- 3 hour practices prior to the opening of the show).

Students wear a basic dress code of solid black, tight fitting, top and bottom.

Dance shoes are not required for class.

Learn basic dance technique, vocabulary, anatomy, and history. Learn choreography, principals of choreography and choreograph original pieces.

INTERMEDIATE DANCE:

Open to all 9-12 grade students (boys & girls)

Physical Education credit

Audition required- May 23rd at 3:00 WHS Gym

Summer obligation = 10 off campus ballet classes (Laurdisen's Ballet/Fusion Dance Studio)

3 days of camp on campus (Two day in June & Aug 17?)

Performances = Winter & Spring dance concerts, Fall & Spring Showcases

District dance concert Basketball halftime

After school Obligations = Technical rehearsals (3-3 hour practices prior to the opening of a show)

All Performances

Weekly technique classes on campus (Wed. 6:30-8)

Additional practices are rare & only needed if routines are not complete.

Basic dress code of solid black, tight fitting, top and bottom. Team apparel is required to purchase.

Dance shoes are not required for class but most likely for costumes.

Expand on elements learned from beginning dance as well as introduce peer teaching techniques, presentations, and performance quality.

ADVANCED DANCE:

Open to all 10-12 grade students (boys & girls)

Only open to 9th grade with prior interview. Please email Ms V prior to audition week.

Visual & Performing Arts Credit (meets the "f" requirement for UC schools)

Membership in the National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Audition required- May 25th at 3:00 WHS Gym

Summer obligation = 10 ballet classes (Laurdisen's Ballet ~\$190) 5 Summer Acro Classes ~\$75

6-12 master classes with guest artists on campus- Summer school expense ~\$100

5 days of Dance Camp off campus (Two days in June + 3/4 days in Aug) ~ \$300

Performances = Winter & Spring dance concerts District dance concert 2 Showcases

Fine Arts/8th grade Assembly, Basketball halftimes, Haunted House, GALA event

Plus other opportunities that arise within the year such as rallies & Workshops

After school Obligations = Weekly practices based on student schedules (2-3 days per week)

Weekly technique classes on campus (1 day /week 1.5 hours)

Technical rehearsals (3-3 hour practices prior to the opening of a show)

All Performances

Advanced dance is performance based on the stage with students learning not only dance techniques but also choreography principles while working with peers, guest choreographers & professionals in the field.

Questions???

4 year plan: Ideally a student would take one year of beginning dance, one year of intermediate dance and two years of advanced dance. This would give them 2 years of PE credit and 2 years of VPA credit.

Can you take Dance and do a sport?

Yes, IF you have taken an enrichment class to get ahead in credits over summer then you will have space in your schedule. Always check with your counselor to see if it's possible for you. AND both coaches need to agree to the commitment.

Can you take Dance and do Cheer/Drill Team/Drama/Aristocracy/Play Production?

Yes, beginning and intermediate have no time commitments after school except for pre-show technical rehearsals. It is also possible to take Advanced Dance but with limitations and approval from both coaches.

What periods are these classes offered?

Beginning dance is period 2, 5 & 6

Intermediate dance is period 3

Advanced dance is period 4

Do you have to run in dance?

Yes, all 9th grade students have to pass the California State Physical Fitness Test which means the beginning dance curriculum has incorporated fitness components to help students succeed at passing that test.

Conflicts:

Intermediate Dance has had conflicts in the past; primarily AP science courses, Play Production & sometimes English 2 Honors, AP Stats & some language classes.

Advanced Dance and Student Council/AP Art are all 4th period however there are some ASB positions that do not require you to take student council during 4th period. Please check with Ms. Eriksen for more info.

We sometimes have conflicts when Color Guard falls 4th period too.

*Dance Workshop, Saturday, March 25th & May 20th. Not required for auditions but highly recommended for practice. Additional information regarding auditions and the workshop will be posted on the WHS website as well as the date of our informational meeting in May.

It is highly recommended that all dance students participate in the department fundraisers!

Example of COSTS:

Dance Department shirt \$12

Approx. Apparel costs: Adv \$275 (1st year) / Int \$80

Show ticket \$10-\$15

Ballet \$125- \$190 depending on the studio

Beginning costume budget \$45

Intermediate costume budget per dance \$35

Advanced costume budget per dance \$30

Summer school ~\$100

Advanced Jazz Camp is approx. \$385- but I've never charged the entire amount to a student.

2023 Dance Concerts are Jan 6&7, May 4-6! You can view our previous shows on our youtube channel.

Check out our Instagram for links @whsdancedept

Keep an eye out for google classroom codes for auditions links and to complete paperwork

I HOPE THIS ANSWERED SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS!

IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT

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