

SOCIAL DANCE

Social Dance is about exploring a variety of dance styles, stretching and strengthening. As a group, we will research, learn, teach, and create many dance forms and styles.

Your attendance and participation will determine the majority of your grade. You will have the opportunity to work within groups of your choice, groups assigned to you, and occasionally you will work on an individual basis. No matter whom you are working with, you need to remain open-minded and realize that everyone contributes a different talent level, style and technique to the group.

Expectations

- *I have high expectations for each and every student. I expect everyone to have a great ATTITUDE, RESPECT one another, WORK HARD and ENJOY!!!!
- *Students need to maintain good attendance, report to class on time, and be prepared.
- *Most importantly, I hope everyone feels they have the freedom to take risks, the ability to explore all of their creative options, and the determination to DEFINITELY HAVE FUN!!!

Grading

All class work will equal 80% of the semester grade, combined with the final exam which will equal 20% of the final semester grade.

Class work will be calculated as follows:

1) **Attendance**

-Points will be given at the beginning of class for those students who are prepared:

- 1) You need to be dressed out, ready to move, and in the dance room 10 minutes after the bell rings.

-Points will be deducted for absences and tardies.

-If you have an excused absence, it is your responsibility to find out what material you missed, and have the work completed within 2 class periods following your absence.

2) **Participation**

-Students are expected to practice the material given. We will explore many styles and genres.

-Students will need to be prepared with all materials listed above in order to participate.

-There will be many different levels of students within the class. Your grade will reflect your improvement from the beginning of the semester to the end of the semester.

***Make up pages** for excused absences may be completed in order to receive points. You may write a review on any topic relating to music and dance (i.e. concerts, shows, dance videos). All pages should be hand written and are due the following week, no later than Friday. You will owe one page for each excused absence.*

3) **Tests/Quizzes**

-You will be tested on all combinations and terminology (including forms) that we discuss during class time. Part of your grade will also be determined by assigned projects involving research.