Dance Syllabus
Teacher: Mrs. Wlodarczyk & Mrs. Sanz
Loiederman Middle School

Course Description:
The dance program at Loiederman Middle School consists of twelve units of instruction delivered over the course of three years.

Beginning – Modern, Ballet, Jazz, and World Dance Styles
Intermediate – Modern II, Ballet II, Tap, and Jazz
Advanced – Modern III, Ballet III, Jazz/Hip Hop, and Choreography

Dance Program Goals
The student will demonstrate:
- the ability to perceive, perform, and respond to dance
- an understanding of dance as an essential aspect of history and human experience
- the ability to create and perform dance
- the ability to make aesthetic judgments in dance

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Materials for class:
- Loiederman Dance Uniform: see dress code below
- Ballet shoes: pink for girls and black for boys (used 2nd quarter)
- Jazz shoes: Black for both boys and girls ONLY (used 3rd quarter for Beginning and Advanced and 4th quarter for Intermediate)
- Tap shoes: black for both boys and girls (used 3rd quarter for Intermediate)
**Dress Code**
Girl: Plain black form-fitting shirt and plain black leggings
Boys: Plain black form-fitting shirt and plain black shorts or football pants

*Dress Code Expectation:* All dancers are required to have their hair pulled back off of their face and neck with a hair tie, clip, or a black-colored scarf. Students are highly encouraged to purchase a black leotard as it will be needed for dance performances and because shirts must be long enough so it does not show the students' stomach.

Students may purchase supplies from a multitude of places, but the teacher recommends the following.

**Payless Shoes**
13653 Connecticut Avenue
Aspen Hill, MD 20906
Aspen Hill Shopping Center
(301) 438-1346

**Discount Dance Supply**
www.discountdance.com

**Amazon**
www.amazon.com

**Repeat Performance**
5050 B Nicholson Lane
Rockville, MD 20850
301-881-0800

**Les Gals**
2337 Distribution Circle
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-608-3237

**Dress Out**
Students are required to change into their dance uniform (see above for more information) for each class period. Students should report to the locker room at the beginning of each class period. Students will be allowed 4 minutes to change at the beginning and the end of each class period.

**Participation in Class:**
Students are expected to fully participate in every aspect of the dance program. Students earn a daily grade based on a 10 point scale that encompasses: technical proficiency, musicality, spatial awareness, sequencing ability, and dynamic range. (see rubric on next page). Please come prepared for dance class with your clothes and materials, just as you would by bringing your math book to math! Students are encouraged to dress and perform everyday. It is very important to be prepared, so please see me in advance if dressing out becomes an issue. Being prepared shows your commitment to growing as a dancer at Loiederman Middle School.

*Injury Policy:* Any student that is sick or injured must have a parent/doctor note in order to be excused from class. If a student is sick or injured he/she will have an alternate assignment to complete related to the class objectives. A parent may excuse a student only 3 times during the course of a semester. After these days are accumulated the student will need a doctor’s note to excuse them from class and must complete a make-up assignment. Students, parents, and doctors are encouraged to discuss the injury to minimize loss of valuable class time.
### Grading Policy

Students will be graded on:
- Class work
- Projects
- Tests/Quizzes
- Homework, Misc
- Dance Performances (dress rehearsal & concerts)

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<td>The student demonstrates <strong>proficient</strong> dance technique and performance/effort qualities. The student respects others, is willing to perform tasks, accepts challenges, and needs few prompts in the class period.</td>
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<td>The student demonstrates <strong>developing</strong> dance technique and performance/effort qualities. The student performs task with little energy, is reluctant to try new activities and needs some prompts throughout the class.</td>
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<td>The student demonstrates <strong>beginning</strong> dance technique and performance/effort qualities. The student is often off task, is unable to control behavior and/or avoid interfering with others, and needs frequent prompts.</td>
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<td>The student <strong>did not attempt</strong> to participate in class.</td>
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Dance Concerts
Each year the dance department hosts two dance concerts in which student participation is **MANDATORY**. Please add these dates to your calendars now as to avoid any conflicts in January and April.

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**Additional Course Information**

**Tactile Teaching**
It is sometimes necessary for the instructor to use physical contact in order to show a correction or adjust alignment. If the student is uncomfortable with this please email the instructor ASAP so that accommodations may be made.

**Lockers**
Students will be assigned a locker for the year through their PE class. Students may use these lockers during PE and dance period, but may not use them as their regular lockers throughout the day. Loiederman Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please lock away all personal items and for the safety of your items do not share your locker or your combination with anyone.

**Attendance Policy**
Attendance is completed at the beginning of the class period and will play the most important part in a student achieving success. After three unexcused absences a teacher-student conference will take place and a phone call home to the parent will occur. The student will then be on a contract basis, to the teacher discretion, if they will be allowed to perform in the dance concert versus completing a research project to receive credit for the class.

**Tardy Policy:**
Students who are late to class must provide a pass in order to enter class. All students entering class without a pass after 5 minutes will be considered skipping class.

**Video/Photography Policy**
It is the practice of the dance department at Loiederman Middle School to use video and photography for education purposes. This creates learning opportunity for students by allowing students to see themselves dancing and to analyze their movement. This practice also allows for the dance department to archive performances and promote the dance department in the greater Montgomery County community. Below is a waiver allowing your student to be photographed for educational and archival purposes.
Bathroom Policy
Students are given time at the beginning and the end of the class period to change in the locker rooms. Students should plan on using this time to use the rest room because students will not be permitted to leave the dance room during class. If there is a medical need in which the student will frequently need to use the rest room during class, this should be documented with the school nurse.

Classroom Expectations
1. Students are expected to be dressed and ready for class on time. “Ready” means that the student has proper attire on and their hair is pulled back out of their face and up off of their neck.
2. Talking in class is not permitted unless otherwise specified by the teacher. Please use appropriate language at all times.
3. The teacher will dismiss the students. Do not leave class without permission for any reason including to get a drink of water.
4. Copied or shared work of any sort will not be accepted for a grade.
5. Students who need to borrow shoes must fill out a form in the Women’s PE Office. The shoes must be returned each day and if lost/stolen/damaged the student will have to replace the item borrowed.
6. Need Help? Don’t wait to ask! Make an appointment!!

Things Not Permitted in the Dance Studio
- Revealing clothing
- Hats
- Cell phones
- Socks
- Jewelry
- Food
- Drinks other than water
- Street shoes
Signature page

I have read the dance department syllabus and understand the information presented about this course. My signature documents an agreement to adhere to these policies.

____________________  __________________     __________________
                     Student Signature            Parent Signature       Date

I understand that I must participate in both showcases and all necessary rehearsals in order to receive credit for this course.

____________________  __________________     __________________
                     Student Signature            Parent Signature       Date

I give permission for my daughter/son to be photographed or video recorded for educational and archival purposes.

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Student Information

Student Name: ______________________________________
Grade: ________________
Address: ______________________________________________
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Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________
Language Spoken at Home: ______________________________
Home Phone: ________________________________
Work Phone: ________________________________
Parent Cell Phone: ________________________________
Parent E-Mail: ________________________________

Please indicate the best way to contact a parent/guardian during the school day:
_____________________________________________________

Health concerns/issues about your child:
_____________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

Each dance class needs at least one parent volunteer for each dance performance. Two free
dance concert tickets will be offered to parents who volunteer. Check below if you can help
with any performances. We cannot hold dance concerts without your help. Thank you in
advance for your help!

☐ Yes, I can help with the Wednesday, January 9th dance concert.
☐ Yes, I can help with the Thursday, January 10th dance concert.
☐ Yes, I can help with the Wednesday, April 24th dance concert.
☐ Yes, I can help with the Thursday, April 25th dance concert.

Parent Name __________ Phone Number __________ Email __________