

**Burbank High School Dance Program**  
**Distance Learning Guidelines**  
**Dance 1 & Dance 2**

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**Class Description:** Dance 1 is a yearlong introductory course in dance. Dance 2 is a year long intermediate course in dance. Each class will include beginning to intermediate level terminology and execution of basic skills in Hip Hop, Ballet, Jazz, and Contemporary. Students will be given opportunities to develop creative expression through choreography and performance. They will gain an appreciation for dance as an art form through the study of historical contributions and the influence of culture in dance. They will also be able to recognize the importance of a healthy lifestyle through state-mandated fitness activities and tests (this class meets Physical Education and Visual and Performing Arts, Dance, State Standards). In addition, students will be expected to view and produce a written critique of the Fall Dance Festival, as well as participate and perform in the annual Spring Dance Concert.

**Course Materials:** All students will be expected to wear the proper dance uniform. Google Classroom, Zoom, and other virtual platforms will be used for our class. See the Dance Program Dress Code and the Zoom Meeting Procedures & Expectations for further information.

**Attendance and Participation:** Attendance and participation are essential to the Burbank High School Dance Program. Dance is a participatory activity that requires daily physical participation in order to be successful. Students are expected to attend class regularly, dress in the full, proper dance uniform, and report to class on time. Students who fail to wear the required uniform will be considered a non-suit and will receive zero participation points for the day. **Students who have 8 or more non-suits during a semester will receive a “U” in citizenship.** Please refer to the Dance Program Dress Code. Consequences for repeated non-suits will apply, including detention and further intervention.

**Make-Up Policy:** If a student is absent or cannot participate for any reason, he/she will receive “0” points for the day. Unexcused absences and non-suits cannot be made up. Points lost due to excused absences and medical excuses can be made up for full credit by completing an assignment or activity specified by the dance teacher. Any make-up work must be done within the ten-week grading period. **It is a student’s responsibility to contact their teacher for make-up work!** See the Make-Up Policy document on our website.

**Medical Excuses:** Students who need to be excused or have their activity modified due to illness or other medical reasons need to have an email sent from a parent or guardian on the day of the request, BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF CLASS. A parent note is accepted for a maximum of two days. A doctor must approve medical excuses for more than two days. The doctor note must be emailed to the teacher and school nurse BEFORE CLASS. Students with medical excuses will NOT receive participation points for the day but are allowed to make up those points by contacting their dance teacher within the grading period of the absence. In addition, medically excused students must dress in the full dance uniform unless otherwise specified by the doctor or teacher.

**Behavior & Safety Policies:** Students are expected to be responsible, respectful, and compassionate. Students must observe and follow all safety rules for their dance class/space. See the Burbank High School Discipline Policies & Procedures and the PBIS Dance Matrix for more detail.

**Electronic Device Policies:** Students should not bring phones, iPods, or other personal electronic devices to class unless approved by their dance teacher.

**Tardy and Academic Honesty Policies:** Refer to Burbank High School Policies.

### **Grading Policy**

- ***Quality of Participation/Effort – 50%*** If the student is dressed properly and participates in all activities, they will receive full participation points (10) for the day. Participation points may be taken away for lack of effort, profanity, disruption of class, student defiance, or for any other reason at the discretion of the teacher.
- ***FIRST SEMESTER: Fall Dance Festival Written Critique – 15%*** All Dance 1 & Dance 2 students are expected to observe the **Fall Dance Festival (date TBA)** and produce a written critique of the performances. **Failure to produce a written critique will result in a 15% grade drop for the first semester of the class.**
- ***FIRST SEMESTER: Spring Dance Concert – 15%*** All Dance 1 & Dance 2 students are expected to participate in the **Spring Dance Concert (date TBA)**. **Failure to participate in the concert will result in a 15% grade drop for the second semester of the class.**
- ***Progress-Monitoring Assessments – 15%*** For each unit of study, students will participate in videotaped movement exams that involve written and verbal feedback from the dance teacher and classroom peers along with opportunities for self-reflection. Additionally, students will complete journal entries, written assignments, and semester goals for themselves to improve dance technique and physical fitness.
- ***Fitness Activities – 10%*** Throughout the semester students will be required to participate in fitness, health & wellness activities, aside from dance.
- ***Final Exam – 10%*** At the end of each semester, dancers will be given a final exam that has written and physical components.

**Video/Photography Release:** All students will be photographed & videotaped periodically throughout the year for learning purposes. These videos will remain with the dance teacher and not be reproduced or sold. For the second semester, all students will participate in the Spring Dance Concert, where dancers will be photographed & videotaped, which may be posted to social media platforms. Zoom meetings/class sessions will be recorded periodically for learning purposes.

**Website & Google Classroom:** All information and documents related to BHS Dance are available on our website: [www.burbankhigh.dance](http://www.burbankhigh.dance) or on each specific Google Classroom (please see teacher for code).

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