

**GWYNN PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
DANCE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
2009-2010**

**Teachers/Contact Information:** Coach Hawkins, Dept. Chair. (Renee.Hawkins@pgcps.org) # 301-372-0140 ext. 255

**I. Course Description**

Our dance education program consists of theories and fundamentals of movement as well as methods of choreography. The dance curriculum includes a variety of rhythmic activities including ballet, jazz, lyrical, and social dance. Dance levels II thru choreography include tap dancing. Students who successfully complete the semester will earn ½ credit in fine arts towards graduation.

**II. Instructional Philosophy**

Our goal is to help students be successful in all areas of the dance education program and encourage students to develop interests in activities which may carry over into their adult lives.

**III. Grading Factors**

**Classwork:** **60%**

A. Preparation

1. Students are required to report to the locker room/squad on time
2. Students are required to dress in the required uniform everyday
3. Second semester students will be required to perform in our annual "Spring Dance Revue"

B. Participation

1. Students are required to participate in warm-ups/technique progressions everyday.
2. Knowledge of dance terminology and proficiency of dance technique
3. All students must conduct themselves in a safe and orderly manner

C. Ettiquette/Behavior

1. Cooperation, initiative, ability to follow directions
2. Leadership, respect and responsibility
3. Positive attitude and motivation

**Homework** **20%**

- A. Handouts, journal/portfolio/special projects

**Assessment (Written/Physical Evaluation):** **20%**

- A. Students are graded on the following:
1. Individual and group achievement
  2. Peer and Self Evaluations/ Skill achievement
  3. Tests/Quizzes

**Points are deducted for the following:**

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| -Not dressed in required uniform   | -10 points    |
| -Not participating   | -10 points    |
| -Unexcused absence (points will be deducted from both preparation and participation grade) | -10 points    |
| -Unexcused tardy to locker room/squad  | -4 points     |
| -Disregard for safety and health factors   | -5 points     |
| -Inappropriate behavior or language  | -5 points     |
| -Failure to perform warm-ups and exercises   | -5 points     |
| -Failure to follow any of the rules or regulations   | -5 –10 points |
| -Leaving class early/without permission  | -5 points     |

**IV. Uniform**

The Board of Education Policy 6161.8 states "all students are required to wear the uniform selected and approved for class." Required for class is:

<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<u>Level III, IV and above</u>
Black tank leotard	Black tank leotard	Black tank leotard
Black tights	Black stirrup tights	Tan stirrup tights
Black split sole jazz shoes	Black split sole jazz shoes(optional)	Tan pedini jazz shoe(optional)
	Black tap shoes	Black tap shoes
	Foot Undeez	Foot Undeez

For your convenience dance supplies may be purchased/ordered thru our school. Prices are listed on the order form. The dance uniform is worn daily. It is highly recommended to have an extra set. The following is strictly enforced:

- T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, or warm-up pants may not be worn over or under the leotard
- “Gwynn Park High School Dance” sleeveless shirts/long sleeve shirts may be purchased and worn over leotard in level I class
- Students will not be permitted to dance in stockings, socks, or non-dance shoes.

**V. LOCKS/LOCKERS:**

Each student will be assigned a locker in the locker room. All dance education students will be issued a combination lock for securing his/her personal property in the locker. **NO PERSONAL LOCKS ALLOWED.** We are not responsible for lost or stolen articles of personal property. Please do not bring large sums of money or valuables to class.

**VI. MEDICAL EXCUSES:**

County policy requires a physician’s statement if a student is unable to participate for three or more days. Students will not be excused from class on a daily basis. Parental notes from home will not be honored.

**VII. RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. It is the sole responsibility of the student to dress in the required dance outfit and participate daily.
2. Students must get permission from the teacher prior to being excused for other school activities. Completion of a written assignment may be required. Failure to obtain prior approval will result in an “unlawful” absence and points will be deducted.
3. Late to locker room or late to assigned squad will result in point deductions. Students are required to be seated in designated squads.
4. The locker room will be locked once class begins. Students may not return to the locker room until class is dismissed by the teacher.
5. At the end of class, students must remain in a designated area until the bell rings to report to their next class.
6. The following is strictly prohibited:
  - Horseplay/inappropriate/disruptive/disrespectful behavior
  - Loud/inappropriate language
  - Food/beverages/gum
7. Students will be required to perform in our spring “Dance Revue.” Students will be provided with a costume (s). A minimal production fee will be charged.

Attendance is an important aspect of education at Gwynn Park High School. In accordance with Prince George’s County Public Schools’ Administrative Procedure 5113, *Pupil Attendance and Absence*, students will receive a zero (0) for all work done on the day of an unexcused or unlawful absence. Students will not be allowed to make up work missed because of an unlawful absence.

A student has 48 hours in which to bring in a note that excuses him/her for an absence. After that time, the absence becomes unexcused. The reason for the absence must be stated in the note. The note is to be given to the attendance secretary who will issue an attendance form (PA-1) to the student. This form will denote whether the absence is lawful (excused) or unlawful (unexcused). It is the student’s responsibility to present his attendance form to each of his/her teachers.

According to Prince George’s County Public Schools’ Administrative Procedure 5121.2, *Assessment and Grading for All Secondary School Programs*, “students who are considered lawfully absent from school will have the opportunity to make up missed work in a timely fashion. Students who fail to complete missed work in a timely fashion will receive 50% for those assignments.

Dance supply orders will be taken during class August 24<sup>th</sup>- September 4<sup>th</sup>. **First day to dress for class will be Tuesday, September 8th.** Only students who are ordering needed dance supplies from our department will be allowed to wear a designated outfit until supplies are delivered to the student. All students who are purchasing their dance supplies outside of our department are expected to be prepared with the required dance uniform on **Tuesday, September 8th.** After **September 8th**, students will have to order supplies before school, after school, during lunch and/or during the last period of the day. **Dance supply orders will not be taken during class after September 4th.** In the event that a student needs to replenish any dance item, orders can be taken through out the school year.

If you would like to discuss any of the above information or if you have any questions or concerns, you may call me at #301-372-0140 ext. 255 between 1:30 – 2:25 p.m. or feel free to e-mail me at Renee.Hawkins@gpcps.org.

Sincerely,

Approved:

Coach Hawkins

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Tracie Malone, Administrative Principal

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Carletta Marrow, Principal

DANCE EDUCATION INFORMATION/ORDER FORM

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I have read and understand the stated rules, regulations and grading factors.

Name of Student (please print first and last name): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
Period: 1A Course: Dance 1A Teacher: Coach Hawkins

Please list any physical or medical problems that may interfere with physical activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date

Street Address City State Zip code

Home phone number Work phone number of parent signing this form Cell phone number of parent signing this form

Student e-mail address E-mail address of parent signing this form

ORDER FORM

DANCE IA

Table with columns: Item, Color, Size, Price, Quantity, Amount. Rows include Tights, Leotard, Split sole jazz shoe, Sleeveless Shirt, Long sleeve shirt.

DANCE II

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DANCE III/IV

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Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Gwynn Park High School and write your child's name on the check.

Office Use Only

Receipt No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Locker: \_\_\_\_\_ Lock: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tights	Black	_____	\$8.25 (Queen size \$12.00)	_____	_____
Leotard	Black	_____	\$13.50 (Queen \$15.00)	_____	_____
Split sole jazz shoe (level I)	Black	_____	\$22.00	_____	_____
Sleeveless Shirt (optional)	Grey	_____	\$11.00	_____	_____
Long sleeve shirt (optional)	Grey	_____	\$14.00 (XL \$16.00)	_____	_____

**DANCE II**

Stirrup tights	Black	_____	\$9.50	_____	_____
Leotard	Black	_____	\$13.50 (Queen \$15.00)	_____	_____
Tap shoes	Black	_____	\$31.00/\$47.00 (please circle)	_____	_____
Foot Undeez	Color: _____	_____	\$16.00	_____	_____

**DANCE III/IV**

Stirrup tights	Tan	_____	\$9.50	_____	_____
Leotard	Black	_____	\$13.50 (Queen \$15.00)	_____	_____
Tap shoes	Black	_____	\$31.00/\$47.00 (please circle)	_____	_____
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