

## ***DANCE CLASS PROCEDURES and EXPECTATIONS***

Parents and students: Please take time to review the below procedures and expectations for Dance Class. We are very fortunate to have Dance as an Elective and the classroom dynamic is unique in nature. Over the years, students and myself have developed the following procedures and expectations that help in keeping our classroom safe, respectful, and organized. I have the utmost respect for my students and families, and I ask in return that we understand the following and work together to maintain a cohesive, and cooperative classroom environment.

### PROCEDURES

- **Arrival to Class:** Students should use the restroom prior to class & have permission to do so. Students will line up outside of the Dance Room (D9) in a single file line, remove shoes at this time, and wait quietly for permission to enter the classroom; Students do not necessarily need their backpack/string bag, BUT BE SURE TO HAVE A PEN/PENCIL, AGENDA/PLANNER, & CHROMEBOOK.
- **Upon entering the classroom,** students should remove their shoes if they have not done so already, place shoes, agenda, pen/pencil, and chromebook in their assigned shoebox & slot. Students will put their book bags in the designated area at the back of the room (STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ACCESS BACKPACKS DURING CLASS TIME).
- **Students will then sit on assigned/numbered spot for class attendance,** and begin the written warm up in Google Classroom, unless otherwise indicated. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SIT ELSEWHERE AT THE START OF CLASS (unless directed).
- **Following the written warm up students will put away belongings in their slots,** and we will move into either seated class instruction, the physical warm up, followed by our daily dance class activity.
- **Approximately 6-7 minutes prior to dismissal** students will be asked to return any classroom equipment properly, return to their assigned seats, then will be dismissed by row to obtain their bookbag, belongings, and line up in the hallway QUIETLY until dismissal
- **OTHER CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS: NO FOOD, GUM, NON-WATER DRINKS, OR SHOES PERMITTED IN THECLASSROOM!** Only one boy & one girl are permitted to use the restroom/water fountain at time.



The following are **EXPECTATIONS** of each student. Consequences will follow the Bailey Middle School Handbook of students receiving signatures, contacting home, informing administration, or a written referral.

**PARENTS:** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me or send a note if you feel your child on any given day cannot meet these.

- Students should be following all BMS Handbook Rules, as they apply in our class. The BMS Behavior plan will apply.
- Students are not permitted to wear shoes in the dance room – dance grade were installed a few years ago and are professional grade floors. Students may wear socks, bare feet, or traditional dance shoes to class. *If a student is injured and requires shoes or a medical boot to be worn, please send them in with a parent and/or doctor's note*
- Students need to report to class on time. Students need to provide a note to be admitted to class.
- Students should plan to participate in movement every class! Students should be prepared each class with moveable, comfortable clothing. **Students need to come to school READY to dance! Students do not have access to lockers to change.**
- Students should make every effort to maintain good attendance. STUDENTS ARE GRADED DAILY, and while grades are individual there is a great deal of “group” related work through the semester, which can make this difficult for peers to progress. IF a student is absent 50% or more of physical dance project, they will be required to complete the “alternate assignment” for the respective project.
- Students absent for one class, they should complete an “Absent Slip” upon their return to receive full credit for the class missed.
- Students absent for two or more consecutive classes, will be require to provide a parent and/or doctors note
- Students are asked to be attentive and quiet during all teacher instruction. Students will receive seated instruction at times, but primarily instruction while moving, music playing, etc. – in order to do this effectively, students need to be watching and listening. This benefits everyone! Students will be redirected to an alternate written assignment if they continue to be disruptive.
- Students should take care, and be responsible for the classroom environment (no gum, no food, sport water bottles only please) and all classroom equipment by handling it carefully, and returning it to its designated spot at the end of class, including but not limited to: all speakers, iPads, Chromebooks, writing tools, handouts, manipulatives, props, etc.
- **Students are not permitted to bring cell phones or other electronic devices to class**, unless the teacher has indicated it is a “BYOT” day. In class, devices are only to be used for teacher approved music, research, recording dances for assessment, and viewing dance education related material. Students are prohibited from sharing any content on social media, websites, or other digital mediums. Students are not permitted to take photos or video of other students unless it is for assessment purposes only. Students may not use devices for anything other than the above mentioned. BMS Handbook rules will be followed if a student violates the BYOT policy.

Dance is a very fun elective, but we also work and learn a great deal. For some this is very new, and some students are practically “seasoned” dancers by middle school age, but it is a class designed for all levels, and I ask that we respect one another, help one another, and continue to make this class a great experience for everyone!