

East High School Open Disclosure Statement

Course: Social Dance **Room:** C222
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Course Objective:

The student will learn various social dances that have been performed throughout the ages. They will learn the basic steps for three of the following dances, the East Coast Swing, Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Tango, Waltz, Mambo, Samba, and possibly others. They will also have an opportunity to work in small groups creating variations of their own. Each student is to work to the best of his/her ability, show improvement over the course, use proper alignment as instructed, and perform movements with clarity and energy.

Dress Code:

It is highly recommended to bring clothes to change into for this class. However, students can either wear their regular school clothes to class or change into more movable clothes. Sport bras, bare midriffs, and short skirts are not allowed. Please take off dangly or sharp jewelry before coming to class. **NO GUM CHEWING IN CLASS!!! No Cell Phones or iPods in class, they will be confiscated**

Expectations:

Students are expected to respect the teacher and fellow students, to be attentive and prepared, to be willing to take risks within class, to strive for a level of excellence in your dance performance, and to work appropriately with dance partners in class.

Grading:

1. **Attendance & Participation:** each student has the opportunity to earn 20 points per class. Here's how:
 - 10 points – being in class
 - 10 points – full participation in class
 - 10 points – proper dress (no flip flops or sandals, girls if you wear a skirt be sure to bring something to change in to or wear something underneath).

Due to the nature of this class, it is extremely important to participate in every class, or you will quickly fall behind. Non-participation includes being absent, sitting out, and anything else that constitutes you not participating physically in class (this includes behavior which results in you not participating). Assignments will be provided for those who don't participate.

- a. **Absences:** absences are difficult to make up due to the nature of our class work. Because this class is based upon participation it is crucial that you attend every class. **Students are allowed to make up excused absences only.** Make up work for excused absences **MUST be turned in within ONE WEEK of the absence. Unexcused absences may NOT be made up.** For make-up options, please see me. If a student has an excused absence on the day an assignment was due, **he or she may make up the assignment up to a week after the assignment was due.** It is the student's responsibility to set up a time to be graded. I will not accept any extra credit.

b. Tardies: each student will receive two free tardies, after that each tardy will result in a 5 point deduction from their daily points. School tardy policy will be enforced.

2. Assignments: throughout the year students will be asked to complete several assignments, most of which will be during class. Assignments will include writing, verbal expression, performance, and reading. There will also be assignments that will require work outside of class.

3. Quizzes/Tests: the testing format in this class will include written, demonstrations, and performance.

4. Dance Performance Evaluation: each student will be required to attend one professional dance performance per semester. They will need to complete a 1 page **typed** critique and turn in their ticket or program within one week of the performance date. If any student has a problem attending a performance, please see me **ASAP** and we will work something out. We will be attending a performance field trip each semester, which you may use for this assignment.

Grading Scale:

95-100%	A	83-86%	B	73-76%	C	63-66%	D
90-94%	A-	80-82%	B-	70-72%	C-	59-62%	D-
87-89%	B+	77-79%	C+	67-69%	D+	58% or below	F

*Your grades will be calculated by total points received throughout each term. I will update PowerSchool once a week, so please check your progress and contact me if there are any questions.

Performances: There is one performance opportunity each semester. This semester you will be performing during the Performing Arts Middle School Tours in December. More details will be announced, as they become available.

Lockers: If you would like a locker, students must bring their own lock for their studio locker. Theft has and is likely to occur, so please keep all possessions locked up during class.

I have read and understand this disclosure statement for Social Dance. Please clearly print and sign below. Return, only the bottom portion to Mrs. Siciliano.

Print Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____