# 7th/8th Grade Dance

**Grading Scale…**

**A = 90-100 Excellent Achievement**

#### B = 80-89 Good Achievement

# C = 70-79 Satisfactory Achievement

**D = 60-69 Minimal Achievement**

**F = 59 and below Unsatisfactory**

# Participation/Student Engagement = 50 %

Classwork/Homework = 15%

Journal = 15%

Tests/ Projects / Dress Rehearsal Attendance / Concert Attendance = 20%

## Participation/Student Engagement

Everyone will begin with a 100% in participation. Two points will be deducted every day that you choose to not dress out or participate in class. Dressing out for class means the following…

***Top:*** Your top needs to be something that is easy to move in (t-shirt/tank tops are fine) and covering your stomach.

***Bottoms:*** You may wear dance pants, yoga pants, pajama pants (as long as they are not too long), shorts only if accompanied by biker shorts/spandex (wearing shorts does expose your knees so wear at your own risk).

***Hair/Jewelry:*** Your hair *MUST BE UP* and out of your face. Small jewelry is fine, just make sure you are safe as it is easy for jewelry to get pulled or snagged on clothing or another dancer.

***Feet:*** You may wear dance shoes, foot-undeez, or bare feet but absolutely *NO SOCKS* for safety reasons.

## Journal

###### *Journal/Notebook…*

You are required to have by Tuesday, September 5th a pocketed folder with a clasp for loose-leaf paper that will **remain in the classroom**. This folder may be any color. Upon entering the classroom each day you are to begin working on your journal topic. This semester the journal entries will be weekly entries. You will work Monday through Thursday with Friday’s being your day off! We will not begin journals until September 5th when I will explain the whole process in much more details at that time. If you are absent you will need to make up all missed journals entries upon your return. I will not ask you or approach you about these; it is your responsibility to make these up.

## Homework

Whenever a homework assignment is given it is due in the black bin near the water fountain by 3:00 p.m. that day. There is a 5-point deduction for each day that the assignment is late.

Your main weekly homework assignment grade will be your practice log. You are expected to practice or study anything class related for at least two hours per week to receive a 100. You will turn these in each Friday and it will be given right back to you to begin tracking your next weeks practice.

**8th GRADE ONLY:** Every other week you will be asked to turn in a critique. These videos as well as my expectations are all posted on the dance website. I will navigate the dancers through this the first week of classes.

## Quizzes / Tests/ Concert Attendance (etc…)

There is the chance of an occasional pop quiz (but very rarely). Quizzes consist of material covered in class whether written or performance oriented. All assignments counted as a quiz/test grade will be averaged in together as 20% of your final grade. Assignments will consist of a possible research paper, dance critiques, concert attendance and much more. Each class will have a concert performance near the end of the semester. It is imperative that you be at your dress rehearsals and your concerts. Attendance at these performances IS part of your overall grade. Your classmates are counting on you to be there!

**Extra Credit is up to the student and will be added to their lowest grade at the end of each quarter! I will not approach a student about extra credit; it is completely up to them if they would like to take advantage of this opportunity!**

Dance Classroom Expectations

1. **Please Respect Yourself and Others**
2. **Please Try Your Hardest At All Times**
3. **Please Be Open To New Ideas**
4. **Please Be Prepared For Class**
5. **Please Represent A Positive Attitude At All Times**

Concert Dates & Times

**(These are your main concert dates and others more to come once confirmed.)**

**Concert Light Hang/Run Through (mandatory):** **Monday, November, 27th 2017 = 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

* Please meet me in the auditorium
* We will run through the entire concert so you can practice your spacing and the lighting cues can be
* This is also the time you can sit in the auditorium and watch other classes pieces
* Students that have to ride the activity bus will be excused at 4:45 to catch the bus in time
* You will be allowed to leave when all of your dances are complete

**Dress Rehearsal (mandatory):** **Tuesday,** **November 28th 2017 = 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

* Please meet me in the black box
* We will run through the entire concert all the way through without stopping just as if it were the show so you should have all costumes etc… with you
* Students that have to ride the activity bus will be excused at 4:45 to catch the bus in time
* Students may not watch other classes rehearse
* You will be allowed to leave when all of your dances are complete

**Concert Nights (mandatory): Wednesday and Thursday November 29th and November 30th = 7:00 p.m. show**

* Students should be in the black box no later than 6:15-6:30 p.m. to warm-up and prepare for the show.
* The show will promptly begin at 7:00 p.m.
* All tickets are $5.00. Children 6 and under and WCPSS employees are free. Ticket money helps to pay for costumes, music, light/sound crew, guest artists etc… We thank you in advance for your support.

**Miscellaneous Info:**

* Please be sure to check out the dance website ([www.lrmsdance.weebly.com](http://www.lrmsdance.weebly.com)) for all the information you may need regarding class assignments, projects, and upcoming performances!
* We will often be using cell phones and whatever music devices your child may have. **IF** you feel comfortable allowing your child to use their device in class that would be greatly appreciated but I understand if you would rather them not. I will explain the expectations in class behind phone use if you can please reiterate with your child what the device is and is not being used for during class hour.
* Appreciated Donations: Kleenex, hand sanitizer, dry erase markers, pencils, colored card stock, white card stock, printer paper, colored printer paper, non-plug in air fresheners, and candy for students, and hair rubber bands
* If you or someone you know works in a field related to health/dance and may be interested in being a guest speaker please be sure to let me know.

**Thank you and I am looking forward to a wonderful and exciting new school year!**

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By signing below, you understand the expectations that are being asked of you and your child.

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Student’s Name **(please print)** Class Date

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date