

FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

THE FREEHOLD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Honors Dance IV

COURSE PHILOSOPHY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Grade Level: 12

Department: Performing Arts

Course Title: Honors Dance IV

Credits: 15 Honors Credits

Course Code: 155750

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The senior level of dance has a greater emphasis on auditioning, performance and career options. Students are exposed to a wide variety of styles and are expected to strive for technical expertise that will continue to be showcased in multiple performance opportunities throughout the year. Students are also expected to create, learn and polish a large repertoire of material which includes student choreography set on groups of dancers rather than a soloist or a duet. Students will explore production elements such as costume design, music choice, and lighting. Students will also prepare in their final year for acceptance into college conservatories in dance, liberal arts programs, and/or professional dance companies.

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Course Map**

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Relevant Standards ¹	Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions	Assessments		
			Diagnostic (before)	Formative (during)	Summative (after)
Arts 1.1 Aesthetics Arts 1.2 Creation/Performance Arts 1.5 History/Culture	Aesthetics fosters openness to diverse art forms and the development of one's own personal voice.	How does exposure to a wide variety of styles contribute to the development of one's own artistic voice? How does the imagination inform the creative process? How do the forms of dance resemble and differ from each other? How do various art forms contribute to each other?	Observe class work Class discussion	Observe professional behavior in classes and at performances	Completion of projects and creative assignments, written journals and papers Performance on quizzes and tests
Arts 1.2 Creation/Performance Arts 1.3 Elements and Principles	Technique is the continuous development of skills that strive toward a higher proficiency in dance performance and creativity.	How does the repetition of skills improve strength, flexibility and coordination? What exercise and movement phrases contribute to increased clarity of performance? How does self-discipline improve achievement?	Observe class work	Observe student response to teacher feedback	Performance on written assignments and journals Performance in movement exams
Arts 1.4 Critique Arts 1.5 History/Culture	Criticism is developed through the historical understanding of dance styles with an analysis and evaluation of movement studies which leads to informed judgments regarding the artist's work.	What are the criteria used for evaluating movement studies? What is good dance? How does a dancer analyze his/her performance?	Class discussion	Videos of professional dance companies followed by discussion	Written self evaluations and critiques of class work and performance

¹ Including computer / information literacy, cross content work place readiness standards, and other relevant content area standards

Relevant Standards ¹	Enduring Understandings	Essential Questions	Assessments		
			Diagnostic (before)	Formative (during)	Summative (after)
		<p>What methods or questions are used in critiquing choreography both positively and negatively?</p> <p>How is the intent of the choreographer communicated to the audience through movement choices?</p> <p>How do major historical events prompt the creation of art?</p> <p>How are you affected by dance?</p>		<p>Verbal self critique of class work and performance</p> <p>Verbal critique of other student class work and performance</p>	<p>Written critiques of professional performance</p>
<p>Arts 1.2 Creation/Performance</p> <p>Arts 1.3 Element and Principles</p>	<p>Good dance performance is created through repetition, professional behavior, team work, and communication with audience members.</p>	<p>How does professional behavior affect performance and your chances for career success?</p> <p>How does self- discipline improve the creative process?</p> <p>How does a professional work ethic in rehearsal lead to a successful performance?</p>	<p>Observe rehearsals</p>	<p>Observing students response to teacher feedback in rehearsal</p>	<p>Observing performance</p> <p>Back stage etiquette</p>

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Unit Overview and Pacing**

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Unit Title	Unit Understandings	Duration
Unit #1: Advanced Technique	Technique is the continuous development of skills that strive toward a higher proficiency in dance performance and creativity. 1. Students will develop dance technique which emphasizes proper alignment and efficiency of movement.	All units occur simultaneously. Total duration of each unit is approximately 8.5 weeks.
Unit #2: Performance	Good dance performance is created through repetition, professional behavior, team work, and communication with audience members. 1. Students will develop performance skills with an emphasis on professional work ethic that transfers into a future career in the arts.	
Unit #3: Criticism	Criticism is developed through the historical understanding of dance styles with an analysis and evaluation of movement studies which leads to informed judgments regarding the artists work. 1. Students will learn to develop one's critical eye through analysis.	
Unit #4: Aesthetics	Aesthetics fosters openness to diverse art forms and the development of one's own personal voice. 1. Students will develop an understanding of the creative process and enhance creativity and open-mindedness.	

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Unit #1: Advanced Technique

Enduring Understanding: Technique is the continuous development of skills that strive toward a higher proficiency in dance performance and creativity.

Essential Questions: How does repetition of skills improve strength, flexibility and coordination?

What exercises and movement phrases contribute to increased clarity of performance?

How does self discipline improve achievement?

Unit Goal: Students will develop dance technique which emphasizes proper alignment and efficiency of movement.

Duration of Unit: 8.5 weeks

NJCCCS: Arts 1.2 Creation/Performance, Arts 1.3 Elements and Principles

Guiding / Topical Questions	Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Instructional Resources and Materials	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Strategies
<p>What are the skills necessary for proper dance alignment?</p> <p>How does turnout differ in different dance genres?</p> <p>How do you fill different levels and directions of space with movement?</p> <p>How does strength and flexibility contribute to dance technique?</p> <p>How does counterbalance affect the fluidity of movement on stage?</p> <p>How does time and rhythm affect the ability to move in unison?</p> <p>What are examples of different loco motor steps?</p> <p>How does one prepare for college audition?</p>	<p>Fall and Recover</p> <p>Alignment</p> <p>Balance</p> <p>Turnout</p> <p>Contract Release</p> <p>Jumps</p> <p>Tilts</p> <p>Flat backs</p> <p>Partnering</p> <p>Counterbalance</p> <p>Lifts</p> <p>Flexibility</p> <p>Strength</p> <p>Locomotive connecting steps</p>	<p>MP3 player and compatible sound equipment</p> <p>Videos/DVD's</p> <p>Professional Performances</p> <p>Guest Artists</p> <p>Ballet Barres</p> <p>Marley Floor</p> <p>Mirrors</p>	<p>Field Trips to professional studios</p> <p>Technique classes studying: Ballet-Barre, including plies, tendus, degages, ronde de jambes, fondu, frappes and grand battements. Center work which includes adagio, pirouettes, petite allegro, and grand allegro</p> <p>Modern- Floor work, including X's, body halves, abdominals, and yoga stretches. Center includes plie, roll-downs, tendu degage, swings, flat backs, tilts, ronde de jambe, and adagio</p> <p>Across the floor, including prances, triplets, runs, falls, slides, leaps, and turns</p> <p>Jazz- Floor work, including plies, contractions, tendu and degage with shift of weight, balance, extensions, abdominals, cobra, isolations.</p> <p>Across the floor: Turning jazz pas</p>	<p>Written quizzes and tests</p> <p>Journals</p> <p>Written Papers</p> <p>Movement exams</p> <p>Creative assignments</p>

How does one ease into and out of partnering sequences?	Rhythm and time		de bouree, combinations of turns, leap and jump combinations	
What are the concepts of partnering?	Audition techniques		Center work, including different styles of jazz such as contemporary, funk/hip hop, theatrical organized in longer movement combinations.	
How does alignment and balance affect turning?	Performance			
How does strength and endurance increase the suspension of jumps?	Endurance		Choreography- Improvisation and movement studies	

Suggestions on how to differentiate in this unit:

- As this class work provides training and performance experience, each student must constantly self-evaluate with the aid of the instructor.
- The instructor can modify exercises to address the specific weakness of each student and assign specific exercises and techniques which address individual weakness and strengths

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Unit #2: Performance

Enduring Understanding: Good dance performance is created through repetition, professional behavior, teamwork, and communication with audience members.

Essential Questions: How does professional behavior affect performance and your chances for career success?
How does self-discipline improve the creative process?
How does a professional work ethic in rehearsal lead to a successful performance?

Unit Goal: Students will develop performance skills with an emphasis on professional work ethic that transfers into a future career in the arts.

Duration of Unit: Continuous – 8.5 weeks

NJCCCS: Arts 1.4 Critique, Arts 1.5 History/Culture

Guiding / Topical Questions	Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Instructional Resources and Materials	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Strategies
What are the rules of professional behavior? How does good professional behavior affect performance? What are the skills necessary for the career in the arts? How do production elements affect performance? How does one improve performance skills? How does being a good audience member affect performance?	Backstage and audience etiquette Team work Rules of professional behavior Commitment Work ethic Spatial awareness Stage presence Projection Clarity of movement and intention Rhythm and time	MP3 player and compatible sound equipment Videos/DVD's Professional Performances Guest Artists Marley Floor Mirrors	Field trips to see professional dance companies Watch videos and DVD's of dance Research on various internet sites Magazines and Newspaper articles Creative assignments in class Performance opportunities	Written quizzes and tests Journals Written Papers Creative assignments Movement studies Choreographic projects including music selection, costumes and lighting Performance

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Unit #3: Criticism

Enduring Understanding: Criticism is developed through the historic understanding of dance styles with an analysis and evaluation of movement studies which leads to informed judgment regarding the artists work.

- Essential Questions:** What are the criteria used for evaluating movement studies?
 What is good dance?
 How does a dancer analyze his/her performance?
 What methods or questions are used in critiquing choreography both positively and negatively?
 How is the intent of the choreographer communicated to the audience through movement choices?
 How do major historical events prompt the creation of art?
 How are you affected by dance?

Unit Goal: Students will develop one's critical eye through analysis.

Duration of Unit: 8.5 weeks

NJCCCS: Arts 1.4 Critique, Arts 1.5 History/Culture

Guiding / Topical Questions	Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Instructional Resources and Materials	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Strategies
How does knowledge of historical dance help you develop a critical eye? What are Laban principles? What strategies are used when manipulating movement? What makes a successful study? How does knowledge of current events influence how we are affected by dance?	Laban Principles Dynamics in movement Theme and Variation Elements of Space Manipulation Elements of time Symmetry vs. Asymmetry Production elements Retrograde Repetition	MP3 player and compatible sound equipment Videos/DVD's Professional Performances Guest Artists Ballet Barres Marley Floor Mirrors	Field trips to see professional dance companies Watch videos and DVD's of dance Research on various internet sites Magazines and Newspaper articles Creative assignments in class	Written quizzes and tests. Journals Written Papers Movement exams Creative assignments Multi-media projects Oral presentations

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Unit #4: Aesthetics

Enduring Understanding: Aesthetics fosters openness to diverse art forms and the development of one’s own personal voice.

Essential Questions: How does exposure to a wide variety of styles contribute to the development of one’s own artistic voice?

How does the imagination inform the creative process?

How do the forms of dance resemble and differ from each other?

How do various art forms contribute to each other?

Unit Goal: Students will develop an understanding of the creative process and enhance creativity and open-mindedness.

Duration of Unit: Continuous – 8.5 weeks

NJCCCS: Arts 1.1 Aesthetics, Arts 1.5 History/Culture, Arts 1.2 Creation/Performance

Guiding / Topical Questions	Content, Themes, Concepts, and Skills	Instructional Resources and Materials	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Strategies
<p>How does one develop imagination?</p> <p>How are we influenced by various forms of art?</p> <p>What are the different dance genres?</p> <p>How does exposure to different dance styles develop an appreciation?</p> <p>What is one’s own personal artistic voice?</p> <p>How does one develop one’s own personal artistic voice?</p>	<p>Improvisation</p> <p>Study of Ballet, Modern and Jazz techniques</p> <p>Exposure to choreographic tools such as manipulation, dynamics, space, time, and force</p> <p>Team work</p> <p>Audience etiquette Imagery</p> <p>Art appreciation</p>	<p>MP3 player and compatible sound equipment</p> <p>Videos/DVD’s</p> <p>Professional Performances</p> <p>Guest Artists</p> <p>Ballet Barres</p> <p>Marley Floor</p> <p>Mirrors</p>	<p>Field trips to see professional dance companies</p> <p>Watch videos and DVD’s of dance</p> <p>Research on various internet sites</p> <p>Magazines and Newspaper articles</p> <p>Creative assignments in class</p> <p>Performance opportunities</p>	<p>Written quizzes and tests</p> <p>Journals</p> <p>Written Papers</p> <p>Creative assignments</p> <p>Movement studies</p> <p>Choreographic projects including music selection, costumes and lighting</p> <p>Performance</p> <p>Class Discussion</p> <p>Research projects</p>

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