



# **CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL DANCE**

## **SYLLABUS**

Dance director: Ryane Siegel

*Your student is currently enrolled in the Cal High Dance Program and in one of the following class levels:*

**Dance 1** - anyone, no audition necessary

**Dance 2** - freshman only

**Dance 3** - intermediate class for 10th-12th graders

**Dance 4** - intermediate/advanced class for 10th-12th graders

**Dance 5** - juniors and seniors only

**\*\*Keep in mind that Dance 4 and 5 are UC approved and all classes can be taken for P.E. or Fine Arts Credits toward graduation requirements\*\***

*The CHS dance program is an opportunity for students to explore their creativity and continue to pursue their passion for dance. Dance 1 is an entry level class aimed at teaching students a wide variety of dance styles, with an emphasis in jazz technique, and introducing them to choreography in preparation for them to move up through the dance program. Dance 2, 3, 4, and 5 are performance based classes. In these classes students get to learn all aspects of putting on a production, from choreography, costume and lighting design, and directing. Students choreograph a dance in the style of their choosing and audition for selection in our show. If chosen they get to teach and perform their dance in our showcase!*

### **Classroom Expectations**

#### **Attendance**

- 3 tardies = lunch detention.
- Using the restroom must take no more than 10 minutes otherwise participation points will be deducted.
- Cutting class = No Makeups
- 3 cuts = fail, no credit, and may be dropped from the class.
- Students are required to be in attendance everyday and ready to participate.  
***All excused absences after the 4th day must be made up to pass the class.***



### **Locker Room:**

All students must change in the locker room, not the dance room. Girls will be assigned a locker and given a lock on their first 2 days of school. Boys must bring their own lock, and will be assigned a locker on the first 2 days of school.

### **Make Up Work:**

Make up work will be offered to students with excused absences and medical leaves. Make up work will be accepted throughout the year up until "dead week," the second to last week of each semester. Details for make up work options are available under the forms tab of our website: <http://www.calhighdance.com>

### **Grading**

Every student begins the semester with an A

- Students receive 5 points each day: 1 point for being on time, 1 point for dressing out, 1 point for participation, 1 point for effort, 1 point for behavior.
- All dress cuts will result in the loss of 10 points.
- An unexcused absence will result in the loss of 10 points.
- It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the teacher about their grade, and other other questions, comments, and concerns.

### **Behavior**

All students must give their full attention and respect to the instructor, choreographer, guest teachers, and their fellow dancers at all times. Dancers are expected to participate in all daily activities and put forth effort in class.

### **Dress**

All dancers are expected to dress out in plain black leggings or joggers and must wear either the Cal High P.E. shirt, or any of the CHS dance shirts/hoodies/tanks. Dancers should wear jazz shoes, or foot undies to class daily. Failure to comply with the Cal High Dance dress code will automatically result in -10 points. Cal High Dance Tanks with graduating year on back are required for all performing dancers, as it will also be the costume for the Finale.

### **Roll call**

5 minutes after the tardy bell rings students must be seated in their roll call circle dressed and ready for warm-ups.



**NO FOOD OR DRINK WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASS EXCEPT FOR WATER! PLEASE ENJOY YOUR FOOD OUTSIDE OF CLASS BEFORE ENTERING. PHONES MAY NOT BE USED AT ALL, UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO FOR CHOREOGRAPHY PURPOSES.**

### **Dance Show Expectations**

All dance 2, 3, 4, and 5, dancers are required to perform in the annual fall and spring shows. Dance 5 is also required to perform in the winter benefit show at SRVHS. During the dance show week, be sure to not plan on any vacations and be on time. Dance is a co-curricular class. All absences and tardies affect all dancers and fellow peers, and comprise a huge part of the final grade for each semester.

### **Dress for the Dance Show Rehearsals**

All dancers performing in the show *must* bring their costumes during the week of rehearsals. During technical rehearsals dancers are required to wear the Cal High dance finale shirt and plain black leggings (for girls) and plain black joggers (for boys). Anything else will be strictly unacceptable. Dancers are required to wear their costumes and shoes respectively for all dress rehearsals and shows.

### **Homework policy**

Please refer to the New Districtwide Homework Policy.

***For other updates for students and/or students text @8897kc to 81010 or join the class on the remind app.***

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Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

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