

# GOHS Dance Syllabus 2020-2021

## Mrs. Criscimagna's Contact Information

I will check my email periodically throughout the day, and respond to all emails within 72 hours of receipt. My TVUSD email is [acriscimagna@tvusd.us](mailto:acriscimagna@tvusd.us)

## Dress for Success!

**Please dress appropriately for your dance class.** This includes leggings or sweats and a t-shirt, tank top, or activewear/dancewear. **No jeans, jean shorts, short shorts or crop tops/exposed tummies, as these are difficult to move in or may be too revealing, especially when videoing yourself dancing.** Depending on the style of dance, you may need to wear specific shoes (like tennis shoes) or be barefoot, but you will not need to purchase any special footwear.

## Attendance and Participation

Even though this is an online class, attendance will be taken. Since this is a dance class, students are expected to physically participate, in addition to engaging in class discussions, written work, teacher-led Meets, and individual practice. Students will earn points for all activities that count toward their total grade. Students will be marked "P" for "Online Learning Engaged" for:

- participation in synchronous instructional activities
- participation in asynchronous activities such as
  - LMS analytics, discussion threads, etc.
  - completion of regular assignments
  - completion of assessments
  - contacts between teachers and pupils, parents, or guardians

\* Daily asynchronous/independent work should be submitted before the end of the school day for secondary students to be considered present. However, students have the opportunity to complete and submit asynchronous assignments for up to three school days, in which case I will change the code to "P" for "Online Learning Engaged".

## Excused Medical Notes

In the event of a long-term illness or injury, your parents will need to communicate with me or your counselor to clear you from physical participation. At that time, I might request doctor notification to clarify an injury or recommendation. If you're excused from participating by a doctor due to injury, the nature of physical limitations **MUST** be clearly stated on the doctor's note, i.e., what is the exact injury, and what are the instructions or limitations for physical activity. If there is a "NO PE or Dance" for more than 2 weeks, an action plan can be developed that meets the needs of the student.

## Absences and Makeup Work

Per district policy, make-up work for absences must be submitted within three days following the absence/injury. However, please contact me if you feel there's a circumstance that justifies an extended deadline, such as a medical excuse that prevents you from completing a physical assignment.

## Grading Policy

This system is based on a percentage scale and will be used for all grading periods.

- 90% of total points or above = A

- 80-89% of total points = B
- 70-79% of total points = C
- 69% of total points or lower = Failing

I base my grading system on an accumulation of total points. Students earn points for physical participation, class discussions, written work, teacher-led Meets, and individual practice. **When we are meeting synchronously to dance, participation will include having cameras on.** Additional points are earned for performance-based assessments on technique and choreography projects. This system of evaluation focuses on individual strengths regardless of prior dance skill, so that **every student can succeed in dance!**

## Student Responsibility Regarding Safety

By agreeing to take this course, the student recognizes their responsibility throughout the timeframe of the course to practice dance safely. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Creating a space in which you are able to move without injuring yourself
- Avoiding high-impact movements on improper surfaces that may lead to injury
- Wearing footwear that is appropriate for the activity
- Avoiding slippery, uneven, or otherwise unsafe surfaces

It will be very important for students to watch and listen carefully, and follow directions to avoid injury. Due to the circumstances of dancing online, students and parents must be aware that I am unable to make corrections in real-time. Therefore, the students and parents/guardians accept responsibility for any possible injuries and agree to hold harmless the instructor.

By signing below, you indicate that you have read, understood, and agree to all of the information as laid forth in the course syllabus.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional: If you have any comments/concerns you would like to communicate with the teacher, please write them below.*

*Student/Parent Comments/Concerns:*