

IB DANCE INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

IB Dance is a two-year program, during which time the following projects are completed at Standard Level (SL) or Higher Level (HL):

Composition (35%)

- Students will choreograph two (SL) to three (HL) dances, ranging from solos to group dances. **SL can test as Juniors. HL students have to test as Seniors.**

Dance Investigation research paper (25%)

- Students will compare and contrast two different dance styles drawn from different cultures and/or traditions, one of which is familiar to the student and one unfamiliar.
- The research will be drawn from both primary sources (live performances, DVD/video of a complete live performance, interviews and discussions, participation in workshops and classes) and secondary sources (internet, books, notes, etc.).
- 1,500 words max. (SL) to 2,500 words max. (HL)

Performance (40%)

- Students will perform 1-2 (SL) or 2-3 (HL) dances (solo/duet/group).
- Each dance must be choreographed by someone other than the students (the teacher or a guest choreographer).

Consistent with the educational philosophy of the IB, the IB dance curriculum aims for a holistic approach to dance, and embraces a variety of dance traditions and dance cultures—past, present and looking towards the future. Performance, creative and analytical skills are mutually developed and valued whether students are writing papers or creating/performing dances. This course facilitates the development of students who wish to pursue dance in higher education as well as those who seek life enrichment and self-expression through dance.

IB dance students will fulfill requirements of attending dance workshops and performances, involvement in dance productions, research of cultural dance forms and traditions, analysis of student and professional choreography, and creation of their own dance compositions.

Previous dance experience is not required at SL. **Previous dance training (3 years or more) is strongly recommended for HL.**

Fees: \$125 testing fee. This fee can be split up between the 2 years, and payment plans are available (ask Mrs. Casady, our IB Coordinator).

Please contact Mrs. Criscimagna if you have any questions about the IB Dance program: acriscimagna@tvusd.us