



Dance

Grade Six

1.0 ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Dance

Students perceive and respond, using the elements of dance. They demonstrate movement skills, process sensory information, and describe movement, using the vocabulary of dance.

Development of Motor Skills and Technical Expertise

- 1.1 Demonstrate focus, physical control, coordination, and accurate reproduction in performing locomotor and axial movement.
- 1.2 Incorporate a variety of force/energy qualities into executing a full range of movements.

Comprehension and Analysis of Dance Elements

- 1.3 Identify and use force/energy variations when executing gesture and locomotor and axial movements.
- 1.4 Use the principles of contrast, unity, and variety in phrasing in dance studies and dances.

Development of Dance Vocabulary

- 1.5 Describe and analyze movements observed and performed, using appropriate dance vocabulary.

2.0 CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Creating, Performing, and Participating in Dance

Students apply choreographic principles, processes, and skills to create and communicate meaning through the improvisation, composition, and performance of dance.

Creation/Invention of Dance Movement

- 2.1 Invent multiple possibilities to solve a given movement problem and develop the material into a short study.
- 2.2 Compare and demonstrate the difference between imitating movement and creating original material.

Application of Choreographic Principles and Processes to Creating Dance

- 2.3 Describe and incorporate dance forms in dance studies.
- 2.4 Demonstrate the ability to coordinate movement with different musical rhythms and styles (e.g., ABA form, canon).
- 2.5 Use the elements of dance to create short studies that demonstrate the development of ideas and thematic material.

Communication of Meaning in Dance Through Dance Performance

- 2.6 Demonstrate an awareness of the body as an instrument of expression when rehearsing and performing.
- 2.7 Revise, memorize, and rehearse dance studies for the purpose of performing for others.

Development of Partner and Group Skills

- 2.8 Demonstrate an ability to cooperate and collaborate with a wide range of partners and groups (e.g., imitating, leading/following, mirroring, calling/responding, echoing, sequence building).

3.0 HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Dance

Students analyze the function and development of dance in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting human diversity as it relates to dance and dancers.

Development of Dance

- 3.1 Compare and contrast features of dances already performed from different countries.

History and Function of Dance

- 3.2 Explain the importance and function of dance in students' lives.

Diversity of Dance

- 3.3 Explain the various ways people have experienced dance in their daily lives (e.g., Roman entertainments, Asian religious ceremonies, baby naming in Ghana, Latin American celebrations).

4.0 AESTHETIC VALUING

Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Dance

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of dance, performance of dancers, and original works based on the elements of dance and aesthetic qualities.

Description, Analysis, and Criticism of Dance

- 4.1 Apply knowledge of the elements of dance and the craft of choreography to critiquing (spatial design, variety, contrast, clear structure).
- 4.2 Propose ways to revise choreography according to established assessment criteria.

Meaning and Impact of Dance

- 4.3 Discuss the experience of performing personal work for others.
- 4.4 Distinguish the differences between viewing live and recorded dance performances.

5.0 CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Dance to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in dance to learning across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning and career skills. They also learn about careers in and related to dance.

Connections and Applications Across Disciplines

- 5.1 Describe how other arts disciplines are integrated into dance performances (e.g., music, lighting, set design).
- 5.2 Describe the responsibilities a dancer has in maintaining health-related habits (e.g., balanced nutrition, regular exercise, adequate sleep).

Development of Life Skills and Career Competencies

- 5.3 Identify careers in dance and dance-related fields (e.g., teacher, therapist, videographer, dance critic, choreographer, notator).