



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Grades 6-8 Dance at Creative Arts Academy of St. Lucie. I am looking forward to having your child participate in my class and helping him/her learn and grow. This year your child will get to participate in Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Hip Hop, and various other styles of dance.

I started dancing at age two, attended a Performing Arts Middle and High school. I attended New World School of the Arts in Miami studying Dance and graduated FAU with a degree in Elementary Education. Since High school I have taught at a few dance studios and choreographed for regional and national dance competitions. I was a member of FAU's dance team and the Florida Panthers Ice Dancers. I have studied ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, modern, hip hop, acro, contemporary, and some Latin and African dance styles. I am excited to share my experience and expertise with your child to foster their love for dance and the Arts.

Course Objective:

The student will understand dance technique terminology, definitions, and step descriptions and student will be able to execute steps with appropriate dance techniques.

The student will understand principles of choreography and the emotional intent behind movements and will be able to perform choreography in its entirety with proper technique and musicality.

Classroom Etiquette:

Arrive on time, prepared, and ready to work.

Respect self, others and their property.

Wear proper classroom attire.

Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

Water bottles only in the studio. Absolutely no food, drinks or GUM!

Appropriate Attire:

Students participating in dance will need to come with the proper dance attire. Failure to dress appropriately will result in a reduction of the participation grade. Dance shoes and attire can be bought online www.discountdance.com, Amazon, Target, Walmart, or in store.

No jewelry or watches in class.

Females:

Black "tank" or camisole style leotard (proper undergarments worn if needed), pink, black or tan dance tights with NO holes/rips (not pantyhose), pink Ballet shoes and black Jazz shoes. Hair must be neat and pulled back for class, bun for Ballet.

Males:

Plain black, grey or white t-shirt, black or grey fitted sweat pants or jazz pants, and black Ballet/ Jazz shoes.

Performances:

A costume rental fee (purchasing costumes, accessories, laundering garments, performance tights and any unforeseen costs) of \$75 will be due by October 4, 2019. This can be broken up into smaller payments if needed. Student's attendance to the performances are MANDATORY as part of their grade.

Volunteers:

If you are interested in volunteering, please go to St. Lucie School's website and click on the volunteer tab. <https://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/> Then let me know when you have been approved.

Grading Policy:

Participation- 50%

Tests and Written Class Work- 50%

A= 90-100

B=80-89

C=70-79

D=60-69

F=59 and Below

I am looking forward to a fantastic year with your child. By working together, we will make Dance a year of excitement, growth, and adventure!

Warmly,

Mrs. Megan Murphy