

# 2018/19 Dance I–IV Syllabus

*Welcome to the Dance Department!*

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Dance Studio #: 817-547-7504

\*For **REMIND101** notifications text the number 81010 and in the message @dancerhs(your period #)

\*Follow us on Instagram @rhsdancedept, and Twitter @RichlandDance

**Check for updates and dance class information on our website:**

**[www.richlanddancedepartment.com](http://www.richlanddancedepartment.com)**

Welcome to the Richland Dance Department! We are looking forward to getting to know, and working closely with each and every one of you. Because you are enrolled in dance class you are a part of the RHS Dance Department at this school. Please understand that this is a privilege, and that several other students wanted to be in your shoes! By signing up for this class you are agreeing to be a part of the dance department events throughout the year. You will have **three mandatory major performances** throughout the year. You will be expected to attend rehearsals and performance as a part of your grade for this class. While these expectations may seem high, please understand that you will not have daily homework like you would in an academic class; therefore participation is heavily weighted in this class.

The Ricland Dance Department has multiple media pages. (Twitter & Instagram.) BISD has a vision that all students will be successful in a future they create. A very real part of that future is the continued use of technology. We are encouraging everyone involved in the program to request to join the social media groups so that they know what is happening. This also allows us another means in which we can communicate with students and families about what is going on.

We would like to remind everyone, however, that tools like Twitter, Instagram, and cell phones must be used in a responsible and appropriate fashion at all times. Remember comments made on your pages or posted to your profile reflect not only on you, but on the entire program. Please be mindful of this in all you do. Only Richland Dance business should be discussed on social media, NOT GOSSIP or DRAMA!

## **Class Rules**

1. The following items must be put away BEFORE entering the dance studio.
  - Food, gum, candy
  - Drinks other than water
  - All electronics, unless being used for educational purpose deemed appropriate by the instructor.
2. Be on time.
  - You must be inside the locker room before the tardy bell rings.
  - You must be in roll call 5 minutes after the tardy bell.
3. Be Prepared.
  - ALWAYS have clothes to dress out in.
  - Always have your journal, and writing utensil handy.
4. Be Respectful
  - Keep your body, objects, and unkind words to yourself.
5. Participate.
  - Follow Champs Procedures
  - Have fun and ALWAYS give 101% effort!

## **Beginning of Class:**

Be on time. Get Dressed. Be ready in roll call within 5 minutes of the tardy bell.

## **End of Class:**

Clap. Get Dressed. Wait to be dismissed.

## CHAMPs:

	Dance Instruction	Dance Group Work	Lecture	Video Presentations
C onversation	No talking*	Talk to your group-mates concerning the assignment	No Talking	No Talking
H elp	Ask questions during natural breaks of instruction (basically, don't interrupt the teacher).*	Raise your hand or call out the teacher for questions.	Raise your hand for questions.	Ask questions AFTER the video is finished playing.
A ctivity	The objective is for you to learn the material being covered. Go full out as often as possible.	A group product with input from all members is expected.	Quality notes must be taken.	The objective is for you to gain knowledge of what the video is presenting.
M ovement	After roll call, you may move to a space that you are comfortable learning in. Stay in that designated area. No restroom breaks.	Keep your group together in one general area. No restroom breaks.	Stay in your place. No restroom breaks.	Stay in your place during the video. No restroom breaks.
P articipation	You must show that you are paying attention by trying the movement and giving full effort.	You must remain engaged with your group. Listen and contribute.	Head up, eyes on the teacher. Remain seated.	Head up, eyes on the video. Remain seated.

**Locker Room Etiquette:**

1. Keep your space clean!
2. You must use a RICHLAND COMBINATION lock for your dance locker. No keys allowed.
3. Do not leave your stuff in front of other lockers
4. Do not bring food or drinks in the locker room.
5. If you don't want it stolen, lock it in your locker.
6. Extra lockers are not your storage space!
7. Don't make your locker a wardrobe closet.
8. Remembering YOUR own locker combination is YOUR responsibility. Memorize it!
9. Do not share your locker combination with ANYONE not even your best friends. It is a privilege that each of you receive your own locker. Do NOT share with friends.
10. Watch your language in the locker room, you are still in class. If you wouldn't say it in front of the teacher, don't say it in the locker room either!
11. The only time that you are allowed in to the locker room is at the beginning and end of your class period. Do not come and ask me to open the locker room during another class period, for any reason. If you might need something from the locker room during the day, bring it with you when you leave class!
12. No phones are allowed in the locker room or the restroom.

**MANDATORY:**

**Class Fee \$25** for costuming, lock & twylas (see attached order form), ticket to Thursday Spring Show- due no later AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Dance Attire:** Dance T shirt chosen by director fitting clothing, leggings, NO shorts, NO TANKS.

**Supplies:** Journal, 1 subject spiral notebook, assigned item, due no later than AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Performances:**

Fall Show- November 22 2019 @RHS Auditorium 7:00pm

Winter Show February 1 2020 @ Thomas G. Coliseum 12:30pm

Spring Show May 7 (rehearsal) & 8 2020 @ RHS Auditorium 7:00pm

Performances are to be taken seriously. It is a time to show the community and your friends and family the hard work that you have put in to your dancing. Performance opportunities are a part of your curriculum and are necessary for the learning experience.

**They are mandatory.** No exceptions.

**YOU MUST BE ACADEMICALLY PASSING ALL CLASSES IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOW. IF YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE SHOWS AND COMPLETE ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENTS.**

**Class Attire:**

- Tops
  - Must be Dance T Shirt to receive dress out credit for a grade
- Bottoms
  - Hot Shorts, Jazz Pants, Softe shorts, no baggy sweat pants.  
Men: Shorts.
  - Prefer black or dark color
- Feet
  - You will purchase Twyla's which you will be required to wear in class.
  - You may not wear pedestrian shoes in the dance room. No sneakers, flip-flops, wedges, high heels, or flats! Leave your shoes in the locker room. You will be allowed to wear athletic shoes when we are doing hip hop.

Suggested online dancewear stores are:

[Dancewearsolutions.com](http://Dancewearsolutions.com)

[discountdance.com](http://discountdance.com)

[onlinedancewear.com](http://onlinedancewear.com)

NO jewelry except for studs in the ears and rings. NO necklaces, NO bracelets, NO dangly earrings. NO facial piercings.

Each day, you need to wear pedestrian clothes to school, and change into your dance clothes for class. Do not wear your dance clothes to your academic classes. For dance class you need to change into you dance clothes, do not put them over your school clothes.

**Class Supplies:**

There are so many things that you need in a dance class that you can't even think of! For your benefit we will create a "Tubby" of necessary supplies for the class. Each student will donate a different supply and be able to use supplies out of the tubby when needed.

My Bin Supply is: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please be prepared with pencil/pen and paper on a daily basis.
- Everyone is required to pay the yearly dance department fee \$25, this includes a Combination Lock, a pair of dance shoes, and various items/expenses that occur throughout the year. We wear our shirts weekly. Our Dance Department T-shirt day is Thursday!

**Grading:**

Grades in dance are based off of participation and dress out. There is very little written work, therefore your level of participation and amount of effort on a daily basis in class will dictate your grade. Each six weeks you will have a minimum of eight daily grades and three test grades

**50% Weekly Participation Grades (daily grade):**

- Each day you will be able to earn up to 20 points, totaling 100 points for the week.
- You will earn your points by dressing out and participating.
- If you do not dress out in the required clothing you will not be able to earn your points for the day.
- Other reasons for losing points include: tardies, talking, poor attitudes, lack of effort, distracting others, breaking classroom rules, and being absent from class.
- Other activities may be used for daily grades.

**Make up work (for absences only):**

- When you are absent from class you will not receive the points for that day.
- You will need to complete a makeup assignment, determined by the teacher, within one week of your absence to receive the points.
- Test grades come from performances, dress rehearsals, movement tests in class and vocabulary.

# Richland Dance Department: **Student Information Sheet**

Name (on skyward): \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ t-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Dance Experience:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent/Guardian Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ alt. phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am assigned to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to class by Friday, August 30 along with the \$25 class fee which covers lock, Twylas and expenses related to dance shows.

I have read the class syllabus in its entirety and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set before me. I understand that my grade is based mostly on participation. I understand the possible consequences for not following the specific guidelines laid out to me.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM IS DUE BY FRIDAY, August 30 .**

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*TEACHER USE*

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **RICHLAND Dance Department - Order Form**

*Each student must pay a \$25 class fee. This fee covers one t-shirt and a pair of dance shoe for the student, as well as many expenses for the year such as guest teachers and costs associated with the shows.*

<b>Item Name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>REQUIRED ITEM:</b> Twylas	<b>SHOE SIZE:</b>  XS (3-4.5)  S (5-6.6)  M (7-8.5)  L (8.5-9.5)	Included in dance dept. fee	1	Included in dance dept. fee
<b>REQUIRED ITEM:</b> T Shirt	S M L XL XXL	Included in dance dept. fee	1 you can purchase more than 1 shirt for an extra \$10	Included in dance dept. fee

Forms must be turned in with a payment made out to RHS no later than Friday, August 30.

Forms will not be accepted without payment in full.