

DANCE PROGRAM



The arts high school's modern-dance-based program offers classes in modern dance, ballet, composition, history, criticism, improvisation and body studies. Students develop technique, a broad movement vocabulary and a wide view of dance. The process of learning and creating dance is a primary focus of the program. Students have opportunities to develop and use their skills while exploring their personal voices as choreographers and performers. Dancers study modern dance or ballet in a daily technique class. They come into the program with varying skill levels and are placed in classes accordingly. All dance students work on major performance projects.

The dance department is committed to performance as a teaching tool, an assessment tool and as a vehicle for artistic expression. Students perform their own work as well as the work of professional choreographers in concerts throughout the year. They create work from classroom assignments and on their own as they form a performing ensemble. In recent years, students have performed at the Walker Art Center, Bryant Lake Bowl, Patrick's Cabaret and the Southern Theater.

Curriculum

Classes in: Modern and Ballet Technique
Composition and Improvisation
Dance History
Jazz Dance
Repertory

Guest Choreographer
Informal and Formal Performances
Audition Preparation
Interdisciplinary Projects

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