

# NSSH Dance Department Performance Guidelines & Contract

*Below are the performance and grading requirements for each semester in dance. All performances are required for every student.*

## Fall Semester Performances – Winter Showcase, Fall Technique Evaluation, and Final Exam

Category	Grading %	Requirements	Notes
<b>Winter Showcase</b>	<b>3 Major Test Grades -</b> 50 % of the student's 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 weeks grades. Students who do not participate/attend will automatically receive three failing test grades.	Learn choreography in class, practice onstage, arrive on time for performance, wear appropriate costume, perform, be dismissed at the end of the concert.	The following reasons will not be accepted as an excuse to miss the performance: Work, Transportation, Out of Town, Family Commitments, etc. Please see your teacher if you have any questions.
<b>Fall Technique Evaluation</b>	<b>2 Major Test Grades –</b> 25% of the student's final exam grade. Students who do not participate/attend will automatically receive two failing test grades.	Learn choreography, practice movement/technique, and perform in class.	Students will have 1 mock test before they will be evaluated. Any student who is absent the day of the evaluation must make it up before their written final exam.
<b>Written Final Exam</b>	<b>Final Exam –</b> 25% of the student's final grade. Students are required to take their exam during the scheduled time. Exams will not be given early for any reason.	Complete and answer 100 – 150 question written exam.	Students will be evaluated over all material covered in the fall semester, this does include all written assignments and journal entries.

## Spring Semester Performances – Any additional Dance Performance, Spring Show Performance, and Choreography Project

Category	Grading %	Requirements	Notes
<b>Additional Dance Performance</b>	<b>3 Major Test Grades -</b> 50 % of the student's 4 <sup>th</sup> 6 weeks grades. Students who do not participate/attend will automatically receive three failing test grades.	Learn choreography in class, practice onsite, arrive on time for performance, wear appropriate costume, perform, be dismissed at the end of the event.	The following reasons will not be accepted as an excuse to miss the performance: Work, Transportation, Out of Town, Family Commitments, etc. Please see your teacher if you have any questions.
<b>Spring Show Performance – <i>All students must be passing on their 4<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks Report Card to be eligible to perform.</i></b>	<b>3 Major Test Grades –</b> 50% of the student's final exam grade. Students who do not participate/attend will automatically receive three failing test grades.	Learn choreography in class, practice onstage, arrive on time for performance, wear appropriate costume, perform, be dismissed at the end of the concert.	<b><i>All students must be passing on the 4<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks report card in order to be eligible to perform.</i></b> The following reasons will not be accepted as an excuse to miss the performance: Work, Transportation, Out of Town, Family Commitments, etc. Please see your teacher if you have any questions.
<b>Choreography Project</b>	<b>Choreography Project/Final Exam –</b> 25% of the student's final grade. Students are required to take their exam during the scheduled time. Exams will not be given early for any reason.	Create and perform a 2 minute routine with specific skills and choreography elements associated in the routine.	Students will be evaluated on their overall performance, as well as their individual technique.

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## Fall Performance Dates

- **Winter Showcase** - Friday, December 6 at NSSH, 7pm
- **Fall Technique Evaluation** –Thursday, December 12 (B day)) & Friday, December 13 (A day)
- **Final Exam** – December 16 – 20, TBD

## Spring Performance Dates

- **Spring Show** – April 2, 3, 4 at NSSH, 7pm (All students are required to be passing on their 4<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks Report Card in order to perform. Student's will be required only one night of the show.)
- **Spring Choreography Project** – May TBD

## Course Grading/Evaluation:

1. **Daily Grades** - 50% (Dressing Out, Participation, Written Assignments, etc.)  
Students will be given weekly grades for dressing out and participation in class.  
**The following deductions will be taken as needed:**
  - i. Chewing Gum – 5 points
  - ii. Wearing Jewelry – 5 points
  - iii. Hair not pulled back – 5 points
  - iv. Late to Roll Call – 10 points
  - v. Not prepared for class – 10 points
  - vi. Not wearing Appropriate Dance Class Shirt – 10 points
  - vii. Not wearing Black Workout Bottoms – 10 points
  - viii. Not Dressed Out/Participating – 20 points
2. **Major Grades** - 50% (Skills Test, Choreography, Written Exams, Performances, etc.)  
Each dancer's overall technique, performance, and choreography will be evaluated into their final exams for each semester. Therefore, it is imperative for every dancer to dress out, participate, and perform successfully in order to earn their credit for the course.

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I am acknowledging that I have read and understand the NSSH Dance Department Performance Guidelines and Contract for the 2019-2020 school year. If I ever have any questions, I will contact Ms. Upshaw at [aupshaw@galenaprksd.com](mailto:aupshaw@galenaprksd.com) or 832-386-3147.

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

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_