

Grading Policy

Grades are determined in both technique and theory classes by skill/knowledge of the subject, participation in class, and written assignments (when applicable). The following formula will be used in all dance classes:

SKILLS TESTS	25%
Six Weeks Test	15%
Daily Assignments/Participation/Effort/Approach	40%
Process/Improvement/Crew	20%

Each dance student will be expected to perform a **JURY Exam** at the end of each semester in ballet and modern dance classes. The **JURY Exam will count 100%** of the Semester Exam grade and the grade for the completion of **required production crew hours will count 20%** of the last six weeks grading period (3rd and 6th) in the six weeks category of Process/Improvement/Crew.

Crew hours are required each semester and will be graded according to the number of hours completed; this grade will be 20% of the last six weeks for each semester for ballet classes and 20% of the last six weeks for each semester for modern classes. Crew hours may only be earned through approved BTWHSPVA Dance Department events; hours earned volunteering or performing for organizations other than the Dance Department **will not** be accepted. For events with the Dance Council and TITAS where BTW is a partner, crew hours are accepted.

Students may contract for the following crew hours each semester. Additional crew opportunities will be posted on the Dance Department Call Board. (Please refer to the School Calendar on the BTWHSPVA website (www.dallasisd.org/btw) for Dance Department or all-school performance/event dates):

20-25	A	90-100
15-19	B	80-89
10-17	C	70-79
9 or less	Failing	69 and below

Any student who exceeds 25 crew hours will get extra credit (one point added to the last six weeks process grade for every 5 crew hours over the maximum number) in both ballet and modern classes. ***The faculty supervisor must sign verification of crew hours the day the hours are completed or at the very latest within two weeks of the event. Students must complete a crew card and update it regularly. Students must file their completed crew cards in the "Crew Card" box in the Dance Office by the deadline date each semester (approximately two weeks prior to the end of the semester) or hours are NOT counted!***

Senior dance students will be graded as follows in the spring semester. If a senior decides not to perform a jury exam, the senior project grade will count 100% of the exam grade for the spring semester. If a senior opts to take the jury exam, the final project grade and jury grade will be averaged for the final exam grade of the spring semester. Crew hours for seniors are calculated at 20% of the 3rd six weeks (3rd & 6th) of the semester in the category of Process/Crew/Improvement. If seniors opt out of completing a Senior Project, they must take a jury exam.

All classes will be required to participate in **The Repertory Workshop Showcase**; participation in the concert will count as a skills grade in each class and may count as an exam grade in classes other than ballet or modern dance. If for some reason a student cannot participate in the Repertory Workshop Showcase, they will be given a written/project assignment with prior approval from the teacher. Unless deemed a family emergency, faculty must be notified prior to Repertory Workshop Showcase.

Absences, Tardies, Injuries and Non-participation

- Students are tardy 5 minutes after the tardy bell (five minute grace period for changing clothes) and absent after 15 minutes of class for 90 minute classes
- Students have three calendar days (not class days) after an absence to bring a note and obtain an excused absence on the attendance record. The note must be turned in to the Attendance Clerk.
- Students should be dressed properly and out on the floor within five minutes after the sound of the tardy bell. Students must have a note that includes parent/guardian phone number, or parents must e-mail the teacher directly **on the same day** of a non-participation in any dance class. **Students who have an injury or illness that persists beyond four calendar days must have a note from a medical physician.** All students are responsible for the work missed whether a student is absent, tardy, or does not participate. **If the injury is chronic and keeps the student from participation over an extended period of time (30 days or more), the coordinator, administration, and teacher will determine an alternative resolution that might necessitate leaving the Dance Department. Students will not be allowed to make up work during a dance class for an academic class missed due to an absence unless the student was on a field trip or performance for the dance department; the decision is left to the discretion of each dance teacher.**
- Grade changes and times for making up work are at the discretion of the teacher. The teacher's roll book is the official district and state record. All grade changes must be made within 10 school days after a grading period ends.

Students with long-term injuries that require more than one week of non-participation or students who have excessive absences will be given a research/written assignment appropriate to the number of days missed for skills grades and must turn in a daily assignment for daily participation grades. Students must ask for the make-up assignment. When returning to class after an injury, students will be asked to bring a doctor's release and will return to technique class gradually until they are strong enough to return fully.