

## Fine Arts: Basic Dance and Movement



### **South Carolina Qualifications:**

This class will meet the state requirements for 1 credit in an elective

### **Course Description:**

As an art, dance is a conduit of expression and communication. At every level dancers will learn how to dance with joy, passion, and a respect for technique and history. Students will explore the diversity of the dance world through learning various dance styles, techniques, and genres. This will be accomplished through opportunities to learn about the history and context of styles, genre-specific terminology and skills, viewing and critiquing the aesthetics of dance.

Classes at this level focus on introductory/beginner level movement in a variety of dance techniques. Basic dance vocabulary, performance skills, choreography, improvisation, dance history, and performance appreciation skills are introduced.

The following is an example of how students will learn dance, while also strengthening skills in social studies, math, and language arts.

- Social studies- Study of dance history, cultural and social influences on dance, history of techniques.
- Math- study of shape, time, and space, creating formations, symmetry vs. asymmetry, and rhythms and counting.
- Language Arts- journaling, critical thinking through observation and analysis of dance, using poetry as an inspiration for choreography.