



# Gulf High School

## Performing-Fine Arts Course Descriptions



### Program Title: Dance

**Course Title:** Dance Techniques 1 & Dance Techniques 2  
**Course Number:** 0300310 & 0300320  
**Course Credit:** 1

#### Course Description 1:

Students in this year-long, entry-level course, designed for those having no prior dance instruction, learn foundational skills in two or more dance styles. Their development of fundamental dance technique is enriched and enlivened through study of works by a variety of diverse artists, developing genre-specific movement vocabulary and dance terminology, and building knowledge and skills related to somatic practices, dance composition, analysis of effort and outcomes, dance history and culture, collaborative work, and rehearsal and performance protocols.

#### Course Description 2:

Students in Dance Techniques II, a year-long course, build on previously acquired knowledge and fundamental technical skills in two or more dance forms, focusing on developing the aesthetic quality of movement in the ensemble and as an individual.

**Course Title:** Dance Techniques Honors 3 & Dance Techniques Honors 4  
**Course Number:** 0300330 & 0300334  
**Course Credit:** 1

#### Course Description 3:

Students in this year-long, intermediate-level course, designed for dancers who have mastered the basics in two or more dance forms, build technical and creative skills with a focus on developing the aesthetic quality of movement in the ensemble and as an individual.

#### Course Description 4:

Students in this year-long, advanced dance techniques class build on skills learned in previous dance classes to improve their performance in two or more dance styles. During the class, students perform sequences of increasing complexity to advance their technical skills.

### Program Title: Music/Band

**Course Title:** Band 1, 2, 3, and 4  
**Course Number:** 1302300, 1302310, 1302320, 1302330  
**Course Credit:** 1

#### Course Description 1:

This year-long, entry-level class, designed for students having little or no previous band experience with woodwind, brass, and/or percussion instruments, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of high-quality, beginning wind and percussion literature from different times and places. Rehearsals focus on the development of critical listening/aural skills; rudimentary instrumental technique and skills, music literacy, and ensemble skills; and aesthetic musical awareness culminating in periodic public performances.

**Course Description 2:**

This year-long, beginning-level class, designed for students with at least one year of woodwind, brass, and/ or percussion ensemble experience, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of high-quality wind and percussion literature. Rehearsals focus on the development of critical listening skills, instrumental and ensemble technique and skills, expanded music literacy, and aesthetic awareness culminating in periodic public performances.

**Course Description 3:**

This year-long, formative class, designed for students ready to build on skills and knowledge previously acquired in a middle or high school instrumental ensemble, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of high-quality, intermediate-level wind and percussion literature. Rehearsals focus on development of critical listening/aural skills, individual musicianship, instrumental technique, refinement of ensemble skills, and aesthetic engagement culminating in periodic public performances.

**Course Description 4:**

This year-long, intermediate-level course, designed for students who demonstrate proficiency in woodwind, brass and/or percussion techniques, music literacy, critical listening/aural skills, and ensemble performance skills, promotes greater engagement with and appreciation for music through performance and other experiences with a broad spectrum of music, as well as creativity through composition and/or arranging.. Study includes cultivation of well-developed instrumental ensemble techniques and skills, music literacy and theory, and deeper aesthetic engagement with a wide variety of high-quality repertoire.

**Course Title:** Band 5 Honors & Band 6 Honors

**Course Number:** 1302340 & 1302350

**Course Credit:** 1

**Course Description 5 Honors:**

This year-long, advanced course, designed for wind and percussion students with extensive experience in solo performance and larger performing ensembles, promotes significant depth of engagement and lifelong appreciation of music through performance and other experiences with sophisticated instrumental music, as well as creativity through composition and/or arranging. The course includes the development of advanced instrumental ensemble techniques and skills, extended music literacy and theory, and deep aesthetic engagement with a broad spectrum of high-quality repertoire, ranging from early music to the contemporary. Musical independence and leadership are particularly encouraged in this setting.

**Course Description 6 Honors:**

This year-long, highly advanced course, designed for students with substantial experience in solo performance and larger performing ensembles, promotes significant engagement with and appreciation for music through performance. Study focuses on mastery of highly advanced music skills, techniques, and processes, as well as creativity through composition and/or arranging and use of current technology to enhance creativity and performance effectiveness. This course also provides significant opportunities for student leadership through peer mentoring, solo work, and participation as a performer or coach in a small or large ensemble.

**Course Title:** Jazz Ensemble 1, 2, & 3

**Course Number:** 1302500, 1302510, 1302520

**Course Credit:** 1

**Course Description 1:**

Students with experience on an instrument suited for jazz ensemble explore the fundamentals of performance practices, improvisation, and music theory through a diverse repertoire of high-quality jazz literature. Students learn the basics of foundational jazz styles, use chord symbols, develop knowledge of musical structure, and study the history of jazz and its iconic musicians. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day

to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

### **Course Description 2:**

Students with jazz experience become conversant with basic chord progressions and the scale/chord relationship, strengthen aural skills, and learn to improvise and compose melodies over progressions as they rehearse, perform, and study high-quality jazz ensemble literature. Musicians study jazz history and become familiar with the cultural context of various compositions and artists. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

### **Course Description 3:**

Students with considerable jazz experience become conversant with more complex forms and harmonic progressions, and strengthen their aural and improvisational skills as they rehearse, perform, and study high-quality jazz ensemble literature. Musicians apply their theory skills to arranging, transposition, and composing; and study various periods, cultural contexts, compositions, and artists in jazz history. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

**Course Title:** Jazz Ensemble 4 Honors  
**Course Number:** 1302530  
**Course Credit:** 1

### **Course Description:**

Students with significant jazz experience become highly conversant with complex harmonic structures; compose or arrange for small groups; improvise over various forms, keys, and styles; and are knowledgeable about the professional jazz scene and its icons. Musicians study the impact of technology on jazz and the music industry, and learn the basics of sound reinforcement for solo and ensemble performance. In keeping with the rigor expected in an Honors course, students undertake independent study that includes synthesis of learning and experience. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

**Course Title:** Eurhythmics 1, 2, & 3  
**Course Number:** 1305300, 1305310, 1305320  
**Course Credit:** 1

### **Course Description 1:**

Student dancers develop basic skills in performing and evaluating choreographed performances as an independent ensemble and in cooperation with a music ensemble. Emphasis is placed on dance, equipment manipulation, precision, and the relationship between music and dance. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

### **Course Description 2:**

Student dancers build on previous experience to perform and evaluate choreographed performances as an independent ensemble and in cooperation with a music ensemble. Students focus on strengthening dance skills, equipment manipulation, precision, and the relationship between music and dance. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

**Course Description 3:**

Student dancers strengthen their performance and evaluative skills, and explore the basic processes of designing choreography for an independent ensemble or in cooperation with a music ensemble. Students develop more sophisticated dance skills and equipment manipulation. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

**Course Title:**           **Keyboard 1 & 2**  
**Course Number:**   **1301360 & 1301370**  
**Course Credit:**       **1**

**Course Description 1:**

Students build fundamental piano techniques while learning to read music, acquire and apply knowledge of basic music theory, and explore the role of keyboard music in history and culture. Beginning pianists develop skills in analytical listening and explore musical creativity in the form of basic improvisation and basic composition. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

**Course Description 2:**

Students build on previous piano techniques and skills through reading music, acquiring and applying knowledge of music theory, and exploring the role of keyboard music in history and culture. Students learn repertoire from various styles and time periods, exploring the historical influence keyboards have had on music performance and composition. Students explore the basic tools of music technology (i.e., MIDI keyboards). Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

**Program Title:**       **Art**

**Course Title:**           **2D Art 1 & 2**  
**Course Number:**   **0101300 & 0101310**  
**Course Credit:**       **1**

**Course Description 1:**

Students experiment with the media and techniques used to create a variety of two-dimensional (2-D) artworks through the development of skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, and/or design. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art to improve mark making and/or the organizational principles of design in a composition from observation, research, and/or imagination. Through the critique process, students evaluate and respond to their own work and that of their peers. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

**Course Description 2:**

Students develop and refine technical skills and create 2-D compositions with a variety of media in drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, and/or design. Student artists sketch, manipulate, and refine the structural elements of art to improve mark-making and/or the organizational principles of design in a composition from observation, research, and/or imagination. Through the critique process, students evaluate and respond to their own work and that of their peers. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

**Course Title:**           **2D Art 3 Honors**  
**Course Number:**   **0101320**  
**Course Credit:**       **1**

**Course Description:**

Students demonstrate proficiency in the conceptual development of content in drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, and/or design to create self-directed or collaborative 2-D artwork suitable for inclusion in a portfolio. Students produce works that show evidence of developing craftsmanship and quality in the composition. Through the critique process, students evaluate and respond to their own work and that of their peers. Through a focused investigation of traditional techniques, historical and cultural models, and individual expressive goals, students begin to develop a personal art style. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

**Course Title:** 3D Art 1 & 2  
**Course Number:** 0101330 & 0101340  
**Course Credit:** 1

**Course Description 1:**

Students explore how space, mass, balance, and form combine to create aesthetic forms or utilitarian products and structures. Instruction may include, but is not limited to, content in green or industrial design, sculpture, ceramics, or building arts. Media may include, but are not limited to, clay, wood, plaster, and paper maché with consideration of the workability, durability, cost, and toxicity of the media used. Student artists consider the relationship of scale (i.e., hand-held, human, monumental) through the use of positive and negative space or voids, volume, visual weight, and gravity to create low/high relief or freestanding structures for personal intentions or public places. They explore sharp and diminishing detail, size, position, overlapping, visual pattern, texture, implied line, space, and plasticity, reflecting craftsmanship and quality in the surface and structural qualities of the completed art forms. Students in the 3-D art studio focus on use of safety procedures for process, media, and techniques. Student artists use an art criticism process to evaluate, explain, and measure artistic growth in personal or group works. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

**Course Description 2:**

Students explore spatial relationships through the use of nonobjective, abstract, or representational forms, products, or structures. Instruction may include, but is not limited to, content in green or industrial design, sculpture, ceramics, or building arts. Processes and techniques for substitution include wheel-thrown clay, glaze formulation and application, or extruded, cast, draped, molded, laminated, or soft forms. Media may include, but are not limited to, clay, wood, metal, plaster, paper maché, and plastic with consideration of the workability, durability, cost, and toxicity of the media used. 3-D artists experiment with and manipulate space-producing devices, including overlapping, transparency, interpenetration, vertical and horizontal axis, inclined planes, disproportionate scale, fractional or abstracted representation, and spatial properties of the structural art elements. Craftsmanship and quality are reflected in the surface and structural qualities of the completed art forms. Students in the 3-D art studio focus on use of safety procedures for process, media, and techniques. Student artists use an art criticism process to evaluate, explain, and measure artistic growth in personal or group works. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

**Course Title:** 3D Art 3 Honors  
**Course Number:** 0101350  
**Course Credit:** 1

**Course Description:**

Students communicate a sense of 4-D, motion, and/or time, based on creative use of spatial relationships and innovative treatment of space and its components. Instruction may include, but is not limited to, content in green or industrial design, sculpture, ceramics, or building arts. Students address 4-D, the inter-relatedness of art and context, and may also include installation or collaborative works, virtual realities, light as a medium (i.e., natural, artificial, or reflective), or flexible, entered, or activated space. Other concepts for exploration include tension, compression or expansion, intrusions or extrusions, grouping, proximity, containment, closure, contradiction, and continuity. 3-D artists experiment with processes, techniques, and media, which may include, but are not limited to, creating maquettes, casting and kiln-firing techniques, stone carving, mold making, or working with glass, cement, PVC piping, or structures scaled to human existence. Craftsmanship and quality are reflected in the surface and structural qualities of the completed art forms. Students in the 3-D art studio focus on use of safety procedures for

process, media, and techniques. Student artists use an art criticism process to evaluate, explain, and measure artistic growth in personal or group works. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

**Course Title: Ceramics/Pottery 1**

**Course Number: 0102300**

**Course Credit: 1**

**Course Description:**

Students explore how space, mass, balance, and form combine to create aesthetic forms or utilitarian products and structures. Instructional focus will be on ceramics and/or pottery. Media may include, but are not limited to, clay and/or plaster, with consideration of the workability, durability, cost, and toxicity of the media used. Student artists consider the relationship of scale (i.e., hand-held, human, monumental) through the use of positive and negative space or voids, volume, visual weight, and gravity to create low/high relief or freestanding structures for personal intentions or public places. They explore sharp and diminishing detail, size, position, overlapping, visual pattern, texture, implied line, space, and plasticity, reflecting craftsmanship and quality in the surface and structural qualities of the completed art forms. Students in the ceramics and/or pottery art studio focus on use of safety procedures for process, media, and techniques. Student artists use an art criticism process to evaluate, explain, and measure artistic growth in personal or group works. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.