

Classical Arts: Dance

Dance students will acquire vocabulary and skills in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical and other genres. There are three levels of dance offered at Brandenburg Middle School: Semester Dance, Year-long Dance and Advanced Dance.

Semester Dance

This is our beginner level class and is open to any student. This class **MUST** be taken before you are allowed to take Year-long or Advanced Dance.

Year-long Dance Requirements

Approximately 170 students will be evaluated for a total of 88 spots. Of those 88 students, 16 will be moved to Advanced Dance.

- Must take semester dance first
- Must be able to handle more difficult choreography and a faster pace
- Basic dance steps must be mastered (such as pirouettes, back ball changes, etc.)
- Must have good timing and rhythmical accuracy
- Must be able to use correct weight changes and arm control
- Must have excellent memory skills
- Students must demonstrate a positive attitude and enthusiasm for dance

Advanced Dance Auditions

If a student is selected for year-long dance, they may audition for advanced dance. The auditions will take place after the spring dance recital. Students will learn a short combination taken from an advanced dance routine. They will perform the combination, double pirouettes and grand jetés for the dance teachers. We will take a total of 16 dancers.