

# Unit 2- Choreography I

Content Area: **Health and Physical Education**  
Course(s): **Dance I**  
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**  
Length: **4-5 weeks**  
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## Course Pacing Guide

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	Unit	MP	Weeks
Jazz Dance		1	7
Choreography I		1 & 2	4-5
Modern Dance		1 & 2	5
Choreography II		2	2
Dance Concert		2	2

## Unit Overview

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Students will gain an understanding of the choreographic process. Using choreographic structure, devices and improvisation they will create a theme based solo.

## Enduring Understandings

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- Students will learn choreographic structures as well as when and why they are used.
- Understanding anatomical principles as it relates to movement and choreography.
- Formulate criteria for evaluating and responding to dance masterworks.
- Active participation in the arts leads to a comprehensive understanding of the imaginative and creative process.
- An understanding of the elements and principles of dance is essential to the creative process and artistic production.

## Essential Questions

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- How and when are choreographic structures and devices used in choreography?
- Why are proper body mechanics important while moving? How does that visually impact a performance?
- How does creating and performing dance differ from viewing dance?

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (No CCS)

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HPE.2.5.12.A.2	Analyze application of force and motion (weight transfer, power, speed, agility, range of motion) and modify movement to impact performance.
HPE.2.5.12.A.4	Critique a movement skill/performance and discuss how each part can be made more interesting, creative, efficient, and effective.
VPA.1.1.12.A.1	Articulate understanding of choreographic structures or forms (e.g., palindrome, theme and variation, rondo, retrograde, inversion, narrative, and accumulation) in master works of dance.
VPA.1.1.12.A.2	Categorize the elements, principles, and choreographic structures of dance masterworks.
VPA.1.1.12.A.4	Synthesize knowledge of anatomical principles related to body alignment, body patterning, balance, strength, and coordination in compositions and performances.
VPA.1.1.12.A.CS1	Creating master works in dance requires ability to comprehend, articulate, and manipulate time, space, and energy across and within a broad spectrum of choreographic structures and through the use of many choreographic devices.
VPA.1.1.12.A.CS2	Acute kinesthetic awareness and mastery of composition are essential for creating and interpreting master works of art.
VPA.1.1.12.A.CS4	Artistry in dance performance is accomplished through complete integration of anatomical principles and clear direction of intent and purpose.
VPA.1.3.12.A.1	Integrate and recombine movement vocabulary drawn from a variety of dance genres, using improvisation as a choreographic tool to create solo and ensemble compositions.
VPA.1.3.12.A.2	Create theme-based solo and ensemble dances that have unity of form and content, conceptual coherence, and aesthetic unity.
VPA.1.3.12.A.3	Demonstrate dance artistry with technical proficiency, musicality, stylistic nuance, clarity of choreographic intent, and efficiency of movement through the application of proper body mechanics.
VPA.1.3.12.A.CS1	Creating highly integrated improvisational movement sequences develops personal style for solo and ensemble work. Characteristics of style vary broadly across dance genres.
VPA.1.3.12.A.CS2	Aesthetic quality results from conceptual coherence and from understanding and application of the principle unity of form and content.
VPA.1.3.12.A.CS3	Dance artistry is achieved through refined technique, musicality, clarity of choreographic intent, stylistic nuance, and application of proper body mechanics.
VPA.1.4.12.A.2	Speculate on the artist's intent, using discipline-specific arts terminology and citing embedded clues to substantiate the hypothesis.
VPA.1.4.12.A.CS4	Criteria for assessing the historical significance, craftsmanship, cultural context, and originality of art are often expressed in qualitative, discipline-specific arts terminology.

VPA.1.4.12.B.1	Formulate criteria for arts evaluation using the principles of positive critique and observation of the elements of art and principles of design, and use the criteria to evaluate works of dance, music, theatre, visual, and multimedia artwork from diverse cultural contexts and historical eras.
VPA.1.4.12.B.2	Evaluate how an artist's technical proficiency may affect the creation or presentation of a work of art, as well as how the context in which a work is performed or shown may impact perceptions of its significance/meaning.
VPA.1.4.12.B.CS2	The cohesiveness of a work of art and its ability to communicate a theme or narrative can be directly affected by the artist's technical proficiency as well as by the manner and physical context in which it is performed or shown.

## **Amistad Integration**

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N/A

## **Holocaust/Genocide Education**

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N/A

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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LA.W.9-10.2.D	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
LA.W.9-10.2.E	Establish and maintain a style and tone appropriate to the audience and purpose (e.g., formal and objective for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
LA.W.9-10.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, share, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
HPE.2.5.12.A.2	Analyze application of force and motion (weight transfer, power, speed, agility, range of motion) and modify movement to impact performance.
HPE.2.5.12.A.4	Critique a movement skill/performance and discuss how each part can be made more interesting, creative, efficient, and effective.
VPA.1.3.12.B.2	Analyze how the elements of music are manipulated in original or prepared musical scores.

## **Technology Standards**

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TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.E.CS3	Evaluate and select information sources and digital tools based on the appropriateness for

specific tasks.

TECH.8.2.12.D.CS2

Use and maintain technological products and systems.

## 21st Century Themes/Careers

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CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP1.1	Career-ready individuals understand the obligations and responsibilities of being a member of a community, and they demonstrate this understanding every day through their interactions with others. They are conscientious of the impacts of their decisions on others and the environment around them. They think about the near-term and long-term consequences of their actions and seek to act in ways that contribute to the betterment of their teams, families, community and workplace. They are reliable and consistent in going beyond the minimum expectation and in participating in activities that serve the greater good.
CRP.K-12.CRP3.1	Career-ready individuals understand the relationship between personal health, workplace performance and personal well-being; they act on that understanding to regularly practice healthy diet, exercise and mental health activities. Career-ready individuals also take regular action to contribute to their personal financial well-being, understanding that personal financial security provides the peace of mind required to contribute more fully to their own career success.
CRP.K-12.CRP6.1	Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.3	Identify transferable career skills and design alternate career plans.

## Financial Literacy Integration

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N/A

## Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

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### Choreography I

- Understanding Choreographic structure
  - Use improvisation as a means to familiarize with different structures and devices
- Use structures and devices to create a theme based solo
  - select music for the solo
  - Identify a theme
  - Identify choreographic structure and at least 3 devices being used
- Keep a choreography journal (using google docs)
  - document daily progress
  - answer journal prompts
- Perform solo for class at midway point and final stages

- critique solos of others in the class based off set requirements (using google form)

## **Differentiated Instruction**

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- Inquiry/Problem-Based Learning
- Learning preferences integration (visual, auditory, kinesthetic)
- Tiered Learning Targets
- Learning through play
- Self-Directed Learning
- Student Data Inventories
- Mastery Learning (feedback toward goal)
- Goal-Setting & Learning Contracts
- Game-Based Learning
- Grouping
- Socratic Seminar
- Rubrics
- Concept Attainment
- Flipped Classroom
- Mentoring
- Assessment Design & Backwards Planning
- Student Interest & Inventory Data

## **Formative Assessments**

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- Daily teacher observation
- Class participation/effort
- Peer feedback
- journal writing

## **Summative Assessment**

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- Solo Performance- final
- Final Journal
- Peer Critique

## **Benchmark Assessments**

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- Midway performance and journal review

## **Alternate Assessments**

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- Oral response to questions in review of material.
- More time allotted for written assignments/assessments.
- Observation forms when unable to dance

## **Resources & Technology**

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- itunes/spotify/youtube for music
- sound system
- laptop/chromebook
- projector
- mirrors

## **BOE Approved Texts**

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## **Closure**

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- Low-Stakes Quizzes - Give a short quiz using technologies like Kahoot or a Google form.
- Ask a question. Give students ten seconds to confer with peers before you call on a random student to answer. Repeat.
- Have kids orally describe a concept, procedure, or skill in terms so simple that a child in first grade would get it.
- Direct kids to raise their hands if they can answer your questions. Classmates agree (thumbs up) or disagree (thumbs down) with the response.
- Kids write notes to peers describing what they learned from them during class discussions.
- Have students complete the following sentence: "The [concept, skill, word] is like \_\_\_\_\_ because

## ELL

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- Alternate Responses
- Advance Notes
- Extended Time
- Teacher Modeling
- Simplified Written and Verbal Instructions
- Frequent Breaks
- E-Dictionaries
- Google Translate

## Special Education

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- Shorten assignments to focus on mastery of key concepts.
- Substitute alternatives for written assignments (clay models, posters, panoramas, collections, etc.)
- Specify and list exactly what the student will need to learn to pass.
- Evaluate the classroom structure against the student's needs (flexible structure, firm limits, etc.).
- Keep workspaces clear of unrelated materials.
- Keep the classroom quiet during intense learning times.
- Reduce visual distractions in the classroom (mobiles, etc.).
- Provide a computer for written work.
- Seat the student close to the teacher or a positive role model.
- Provide an unobstructed view of the chalkboard, teacher, movie screen, etc.
- Keep extra supplies of classroom materials (pencils, books) on hand.
- Give directions in small steps and in as few words as possible.
- Number and sequence the steps in a task.
- Have student repeat the directions for a task.
- Provide visual aids.
- Go over directions orally.
- Provide a vocabulary list with definitions.
- Permit as much time as needed to finish tests.
- Allow tests to be taken in a room with few distractions (e.g., the library).
- Have test materials read to the student, and allow oral responses.
- Divide tests into small sections of similar questions or problems.
- Allow the student to complete an independent project as an alternative test.
- Give progress reports instead of grades.
- Grade spelling separately from content.

- Allow take-home or open-book tests.
- Show a model of the end product of directions (e.g., a completed math problem or finished quiz).
- Stand near the student when giving directions or presenting a lesson.
- Mark the correct answers rather than the incorrect ones.
- Permit a student to rework missed problems for a better grade.
- Average grades out when assignments are reworked, or grade on corrected work.
- Use a pass-fail or an alternative grading system when the student is assessed on his or her own growth.

## **504**

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Examples of accommodations in 504 plans include but are not limited to:

- preferential seating
- extended time on tests and assignments
- reduced homework or classwork
- verbal, visual, or technology aids
- modified textbooks or audio-video materials
- behavior management support
- adjusted class schedules or grading
- verbal testing
- excused lateness, absence, or missed classwork
- pre-approved nurse's office visits and accompaniment to visits
- occupational or physical therapy

## **At Risk**

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Examples may include:

- Use of mnemonics
- Have student restate information
- Provision of notes or outlines
- Concrete examples
- Assistance in maintaining uncluttered space
- Weekly home-school communication tools (notebook, daily log, phone calls or email messages)
- Peer or scribe note-taking
- No penalty for spelling errors or sloppy handwriting
- Follow a routine/schedule
- Teach time management skills
- Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task
- Adjusted assignment timelines



- Visual daily schedule
- Immediate feedback
- Work-in-progress check
- Pace long-term projects
- Preview test procedures
- Film or video supplements in place of reading text
- Pass/no pass option
- Cue/model expected behavior
- Use de-escalating strategies
- Use peer supports and mentoring
- Have parent sign homework/behavior chart
- Chart progress and maintain data

## **Gifted and Talented**

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Focus on effort and practice

Offer the Most Difficult First

Offer choice

Speak to Student Interests

Allow G/T students to work together

Encourage risk taking