

RICHMOND VIRTUAL SCHOOL

# DANCE PROGRAM FAQ

## 1. Where do I post my weekly check ins?

You submit your weekly journal entries in term 1. Weekly summaries and edit the same journal entry each week for the entire term. This continues in terms 2 and 3.

## 2. Is the course hard, do we get a lot of work?

The course consists of weekly journal entries and then a series of 3-4 assignments each term. It is not a great deal of course work (about 5-6 hours each term).

## 3. Is it possible to work ahead?

Yes! You can work ahead on your assignments. Your journal entries are done weekly. This helps so that you can be flexible in completing your assignments.

# 4. Do these courses count for credits?

Each course counts for 4 credits. Those who dance 200 hours in the year which includes all dance classes, competitions, shows, and any cross training that help with dance, you can take 2 courses for a total of 8 credits. They count as elective and fine arts/applied skills credits in the BC Graduation Program!

#### 5. How do I register?

If you are a resident of Richmond, open the Richmond Virtual School website and

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For registration you will need to create an account. To get help with registration you can call the RVS office 604-668-6371 between 8:00 and 3:30 weekdays for assistance in the registration process or email: rvs@sd38.bc.ca

# 6. Is there a requirement from the dance studio and or dance teachers in the courses?

The only requirement of the dance teachers is that they fill out a dance instructor evaluation twice in the year. It is a prescribed form with a section for comments to be filled out. There is no other requirement of the dance studio.

# 7. What is meant by the course being strictly online?

Once you register for your course(s), in September you are given a login and password. This is what you will need to login to your courses. All of the course work is submitted in the course. The platform that is used is Moodle. There are no face-to-face meetings required for RVS dance courses.

## 8. If I am struggling with the course work, where can I get help?

Your teacher is your best resource. I am one email away and can answer any questions about your online course work and help you anyway I can.

## 9. Why should I take these courses?

Earn required credits for high school graduation. The courses are free. Depending on the extent of your training/performance load you may want to explore a conversation with your school counsellor or administrator to discuss your overall course schedule. Please note, each school will have their own policy and procedure for senior students taking less than 8 courses. You are doing the dance already so why not receive credits for all the hard work that you do. The courses help your dancing because you are asked to reflect on your dancing each week and set goals to work on during the term.

# 10. Who is eligible to take these courses?

Richmond resident students entering grades 9, 10, 11, 12 in September of this year. You must reside within the city of Richmond. You also have to dance a minimum of 100 hours over the course of the school year to enrol in one course. If you dance 200 hours or more you are eligible to take 2 courses worth a total of 8 credits. The courses are Dance Technique and Performance 10, 11, 12 and Dance Choreography 10, 11, 12. Please note: International students can take dance courses but a fee will apply.