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West Potomac Academy's **DANCE CLASSES**

Course offerings: **WEST POTOMAC ACADEMY DANCE:**
 level 1 (931126),
 level 2(931326) ,
 level 3 (931527 two-credit/ or 931500 one-credit)
 level 4 (931927 two-credit/ or 931900 one-credit)
 HIP HOP (932326)
 BROADWAY THEATRE DANCE (932126)

ACADEMY DANCE CLASSES (LEVELS 1-4): Develops skills in basic movement fundamentals, placement, alignment, and dance technique for selected forms (modern, jazz, ballet), and provides exposure to other styles such as Tap, African, and Hip-Hop. Students develop dance vocabulary, study dance history, conduct performance criticism in the classroom and by attending live performances, learn improvisational skills, and develop further performance skills. The ultimate goal of this class is for every student to be encouraged and rewarded for an open-minded approach to finding the artist within themselves.

HIP HOP- This high-energy introductory course will focus on the foundations and origins of Hip-Hop dance culture including street, commercial and freestyle forms. Students will be encouraged to step outside of the box by bringing their own individual style and personality to movements. Students will be challenged and encouraged to understand and apply historical and practical knowledge of Hip-Hop through class activities and performances.

BROADWAY DANCE- This introductory course is designed to offer instruction in techniques of Broadway dance. Students will study movement in a variety of styles such as jazz and tap. Students will also increase their knowledge of Broadway's most high-profile choreographers and their famous works. Students will gain the ability to apply dance technique and learn to express musicality in a physical way through class activities and performances.

Dance Class Highlights:

- **Service learning projects-community service hour opportunities**
- **Participation in performances, residencies, master classes and dance workshops**
- **FCPS annual Dance festival "Dance 'til You Drop"**
- **Internship opportunities** at local private studios
- **Tour** local schools and community events to introduce and share dance and the performing arts to others and also provide performance opportunities

For more information contact your counselor or

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