

# DANCE

## Information on Glenfield Middle School's Dance Program

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The Glenfield Dance Program has opportunities for beginning and experienced student dancers. There is a graduated curriculum of study for each grade level.

All dance classes are full year electives.



## Classes Offered



### Beginning Dance

This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of dance, which include but are not limited to the following: space, shape, levels, rhythm, energy qualities and intention. Students will be exposed to ballet fundamentals, modern dance, jazz and world dance forms and they will have the opportunity to create short movement studies using the elements of dance with their peers. In addition to developing their technical skills and creative potential, students will showcase their work in an evening performance that takes place in winter and an informal day concert in June as part of their dance finals. This course has an open enrollment policy.

### Intermediate Dance (6th and 7th Grades)

### & Advanced Intermediate Dance (8th Grade)

This course is designed for students who have demonstrated a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of dance. Students will study ballet, modern dance and jazz and world dance forms. The emphasis will be on expanding their strength, flexibility, musicality, and ability to express the choreographic intention in a dance. Students will learn dances, form the Glenfield Dance Ensemble repertory and perform them in a Dance Concert as well as an informal day concert in June as part of their dance finals. Placement in Intermediate level class is by audition and approval from the dance faculty.

# CI Dance

This advanced level course is designed for students who have demonstrated a high technical ability and interest in dance and who are motivated to experience multiple dance techniques in depth. Ballet, modern dance, jazz, world dance forms, improvisation and choreography are all taught in CI Dance classes. Guest choreographers are invited to set dance pieces for these advanced level classes. There is an emphasis on learning how to create dances as well as gaining an appreciation of the cultural and historical roles that dance has played in every world culture. There will be opportunities for day and evening performances of the Spring Dance Concert, as well as an informal day dance concert of their own choreography in June. Placement in a CI Dance class is by audition and approval from the dance faculty.



## Commonly Asked Questions

### **Question: When are the auditions for Dance Classes?**

*Answer: The dance faculty visits every public elementary school in Montclair every Spring to audition incoming 5th grade students. All interested students will be placed in a class based on their skill level. Students who already attend GMS will be auditioned in class or after school in late Spring.*

### **Question: What do students wear in dance class?**

*Answer: Dance students are required to wear clothing they can move in (dance clothes, athletic wear). This can include leotards, tights, leggings, sweatpants/joggers, yoga pants, shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, or long sleeve shirts. Students should be prepared to dress in layers in the event they need to remove a layer after warming up or keep layers on to keep warm depending on temperature.*

### **Question: When are the performances and how do I get tickets?**

*Answer: Please check the district calendar at [www.montclair.k12.nj.us](http://www.montclair.k12.nj.us) for the performance dates. Tickets can be acquired online at [gms.booktix.com](http://gms.booktix.com) and are also available at the door the night of the performance.*

