Dance Arts Mackenzie | Selection Process 2021

Once you have applied to the program on Edsby, you will be sent an invitation to the *Dance Arts Mackenzie Selection Process* Classroom. Here you will submit the required materials for the portfolio evaluation.

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Applicants to Dance Arts Mackenzie will be asked to apply to creative process to three tasks to complete the e-portfolio requirements of the selection process:

- Technique Exercises
- Perform a Piece of Choreography
- Artistic Statement

Students will be asked to submit work that communicates their understanding and passion for dance. Be creative and confident in your choices!

We are looking forward to seeing your work. Questions? Please reach out to <u>catherine.clarke@yrdsb.ca</u>, <u>carly.cohen@yrdsb.ca</u> and <u>jacqueline.toshakovski@yrdsb.ca</u>

Task	Description and Instructions	Curriculum Alignment
A. Technique Exercises	 Students are invited to perform a variety of technique exercises by: 1. Watching the video(s) and making a recording of your performance of each of the three exercises: Roll through the spine and rises (Modern) Plies and tendus (Ballet) Transfer of weight combination (Jazz) 2. Learn the technique of each of the three exercises by engaging with the online tutorials: Tutorial: Roll through the spine and rises (Modern) Tutorial: Plies and tendus (Ballet) Tutorial: Plies and tendus (Ballet) Tutorial: Plies and tendus (Ballet) Tutorial: Transfer of weight combination (Jazz) 3. Film each exercise, individually, and upload to Google Classroom for submission. 	 Students will: Demonstrate an understanding of the dance techniques and movement vocabularies in a variety of dance forms accurately reproduce dance sequences from the cues provided perform phrases that explore two or more elements of dance
B. Perform a Piece of Choreography	Perform an piece of choreography in your chosen/preferred genre/style to respond to an issue that is personally meaningful to you (1 minute minimum) (Ex: calm before the storm, protecting our water, bullying, deforestation, global warming, etc) Students may choose to use an already learned piece of choreography if preferred. If students choose this option for Task B, they must identify the choreographer. Students will be required to do a 20 to 45 second introduction video opening that states: - Their name - Genre of dance performed - Choreographer (if not themselves) - Issue Picked - Why You Picked The Issue and How The Elements of Dance Communicates Your Message - Any additional information related to the dance	 Students will Use choreographic forms and the elements of dance to communicate a respond to an issue that is personally meaningful to you Choose movements and choreographic patterns/forms using the elements of dance Perform the piece of choreography, using a variety of elements of dance as a language to communicate messages through dance performance Communicate, in the introduction video, why the theme is meaningful to them and how the elements dance were used to

		showcase the message
C. Artistic Statement	 Task: Pick two questions to answer, one question from Choice 1 and one question from Choice 2. Using approximately 100 to 250 words for each question (e.g. 100 to 250 words for Choice 1 and 100 to 250 words for Choice 2) provide a reflective response. You may submit your response as a type response or a video recording. Both options are acceptable and no option is better than the other. <i>Please pick the option that you are most comfortable with and will showcase you!</i> CHOICE #1: Thinking about the tasks (technique exercises, choreography), how did your ideas move from good to great? What excited you about creating this work? Who or what inspired you as you created? How did you use and apply feedback (from teachers, friends or family) to create, rehearse and polish your submission? Be specific. CHOICE #2: What is your strength working with others in a team? Tell us about a time when you were challenged during a team activity. How did you overcome that challenge? What excites you about the Arts Mackenzie program? If you were to pick any kitchen utensil to represent your personality, which utensil would it be and why? 	 Students will self-reflect on the selection process experience and why they would like to study at Arts Mackenzie identify and give examples of their strengths, interests, and areas for improvement evaluate, using arts terms and language, how effectively they use the elements and examples to communicate their message

Note: an interview might be required if further information is needed to complete the selection process. If this is necessary, the selection team will reach out to families directly.