

## BIG IDEAS

Growth as a dancer requires perseverance, resilience, and risk taking.

Dancers collaborate through critical reflection, creative co-operation, and the exchange of ideas.

Dancers can refine their technique and skills with experience in a variety of genres or through specialization.

Dance is an art form that combines the **language of dance** with the ability to create and perform.

**Aesthetic experiences** have the power to transform our perspective.

## Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <p><b>Explore and create</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate <b>kinesthetic awareness</b> of dance elements and techniques</li> <li>• Explore specific or a variety of genres or styles from historical and contemporary cultures</li> <li>• Refine an articulate and expressive body through the application of anatomically and developmentally sound movement principles</li> <li>• Demonstrate the relationship between body conditioning and <b>somatic approaches</b> on technical and expressive skills</li> <li>• Express a range of meanings, intents, and emotions</li> <li>• Select, combine, and manipulate dance elements and technical skills to intentionally convey a particular mood, meaning, or purpose</li> <li>• Improvise to enhance technical concepts</li> <li>• Perform simple and complex movement phrases in large-group, small-group, and solo contexts</li> <li>• Consider audience and venue when composing, rehearsing, and performing</li> </ul> <p><b>Reason and reflect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate dance techniques and artistic works using dance-specific language</li> <li>• Refine dance concepts, technical skills, and performance</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>elements of dance</b></li> <li>• technical skills specific to a <b>technique, genre, or style</b></li> <li>• anatomically and developmentally sound <b>movement principles</b></li> <li>• kinesthetic and spatial awareness</li> <li>• the systems of the human body</li> <li>• <b>body conditioning</b></li> <li>• somatic approaches</li> <li>• <b>safety protocols</b></li> <li>• <b>rehearsal and performance skills</b></li> <li>• <b>dance notation</b></li> <li>• contributions of key dance innovators in specific genres, contexts, periods, and cultures</li> <li>• local, national, and global, and intercultural performers, movements, and genres</li> <li>• traditional and contemporary First Peoples worldviews and cross-cultural perspectives communicated through movement and dance</li> <li>• history and theory of a dance technique, genre, or style</li> <li>• ethics of <b>cultural appropriation</b> and plagiarism</li> </ul>



## Learning Standards (continued)

Curricular Competencies	Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reflect on rehearsal and performance experiences</li><li>Identify and apply constructive feedback to refine ideas and inspire innovation</li><li>Demonstrate awareness of personal and social responsibility toward self, others, audience, and <b>place</b></li><li>Reflect on the influences of social, cultural, historical, political, and personal context on dance</li></ul> <p><b>Communicate and document</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use technical vocabulary to describe, document, and respond critically to dance experiences and performances</li><li>Communicate meaning and emotion with intention</li><li>Use dance to communicate about and respond to local, regional, and national issues</li><li>Express cultural identity, perspectives, values, and emotions through dance</li></ul> <p><b>Connect and expand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate personal and social responsibility associated with creating, performing, and responding to dance, including movement, music, thematic, and costume choices</li><li>Explore First Peoples perspectives and knowledge, other <b>ways of knowing</b>, and local cultural knowledge to gain understanding through movement and dance</li><li>Explore educational, personal, and professional opportunities in dance or <b>related fields</b></li><li>Make connections through dance with local, national, and global issues and communities</li><li>Consider personal safety, injury prevention, and physical health when engaged in technical study, rehearsal, and performance</li></ul>	