



***DANCE FEST***  
***PRIMARY — JUNIOR — INTERMEDIATE***

**Dance Fest is an opportunity for teachers and their students to share and celebrate dancing.**

**Dance Fest is not a competitive situation, but rather an opportunity for an entire class of children to participate in a function designed to provide an extension to the dance taught in the instructional program. Dance Fest serves as a vehicle through which “dance ideas” can be shared in an atmosphere of joy and celebration. There is also an opportunity to integrate the Physical Education Curriculum with the Arts Curriculum.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Busing arrangements are the responsibility of the individual school.
2. Dance Fest occurs each half day. The MORNING begins at 9:30 and ends at approximately 11:30. The AFTERNOON begins at 12:00 and ends approximately 2:00. Time and facilities have NOT been arranged for children to eat lunch at the Festival. Please make the necessary arrangements for the children to eat their lunch when they return to school at the conclusion of the DANCE FEST or before they arrive.
3. We will be limiting the dances for each session to 24 dances.
  - Twenty-four dances will allow all groups to perform and catch their buses in order to return to school on time.
  - Larger schools are to split their classes between 2 days/sessions.
  - Groups will be scheduled on a first-come first-served basis. We will do our best to accommodate all requests but please be advised that we may not be able to give you your first choice.
4. In order to help the event run smoothly and to allow all groups to complete their dances, please use the following guidelines:
  - Classes are limited to one 3-minute routine per class/group.
  - A class must enter as one group. A class can be split into smaller dance groups, but they must all perform their dance to the same song at the same time.
  - If 2 classes join together, that counts as one entry and therefore, can only dance to one 3-minute song.
5. Music Selection
  - Songs are to be a MAXIMUM of 3 minutes. Thank you for adhering to this time limit.
  - Classes can choose their own music selections. Please choose songs with appropriate lyrics and content. Current Top 40 songs are popular but many have lyrics (and edited versions) that may be inappropriate. Preview the entire song before allowing it to be used.
  - Please bring Original CDs when possible. Burned copies will sometimes skip or have poor sound quality.
6. The entire class must be included. In the event a dance calls for partners and there is an over-balance of either boys or girls, some 'inventive' way to include them should be devised.
7. Consideration may be given to the use of some simple costume that might help to better communicate the dance. Instruments or props may be used to complement your work. However, these additions are not necessary. The dance may be varied by changing formations, varying entries and exits, adding claps, vocal sounds, etc.
8. Parents are welcome to attend but must view the event from designated areas.

## **REGISTRATION**

1. Complete the pre-registration form, indicating whether or not your school intends to enter the Dance Fest. This will inform the Department as to the number of days required for Dance Fest.
2. A confirmation notice will follow upon receipt of the pre-registration form stating the day that you have been scheduled to perform.
3. Be creative with your song choices to avoid duplication of music selections.

4. DIVISIONS:            Primary  
                                  Junior  
                                  Intermediate  
                                  Dance Club

FORMATIONS:        Individual Dances (scatter, etc.)  
                                  Partner Dances (scatter, line, circle, etc.)  
                                  Group Dances (line, circle, etc.)

CATEGORIES:        Liturgical Dance  
                                  Novelty Dance  
                                  Ethnic Dance  
                                  Creative Folk Dance  
                                  Modern Jazz Dance

5. We ask that larger schools divide the classes performing between two half days. This will allow for FIVE different schools to attend each half-day. This will also result in a variety of Divisions performing various dances.