



## BIG IDEAS

**Dance conditioning** for improved physical performance requires commitment, perseverance, and resilience.

Deepening their knowledge of the human body empowers dancers in their technical and artistic training.

Following proper training guidelines and techniques can help dancers reach their health, fitness, and dance-specific goals.

Dance requires a high level of physical fitness for the creation and performance of artistic works.

Personal choices influence our mental, physical, and artistic well-being.

## 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>Participate in physical activities designed to maintain or enhance overall fitness and improve dance performance</li><li>Create, implement, and reflect on a <b>personalized fitness program</b></li><li>Demonstrate ways to train the <b>muscular and cardiovascular systems</b></li><li>Develop core support, turnout, and efficient use of the spine, arms, and legs to enhance dance movements and protect the body</li><li>Demonstrate kinesthetic awareness of dance elements and techniques through dance conditioning</li><li>Demonstrate and refine appropriate exercise techniques for a variety of dance conditioning activities</li><li>Demonstrate ways to safely and effectively increase flexibility</li><li>Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between body conditioning and somatic approaches to technical and expressive skills</li></ul> <p><b>Reason and reflect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Examine how <b>psychological factors</b> influence dance training and performance</li><li>Identify, apply, and reflect on strategies for pursuing personal fitness and dance-related goals</li><li>Analyze and critique dance aesthetics in relation to anatomical function</li><li>Analyze health messages from a variety of <b>sources</b> and describe their potential influences on health and well-being</li><li>Reflect on personal and social responsibility toward self, others, and <b>place</b></li></ul>	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>anatomical terminology</b></li><li><b>body conditioning</b></li><li>anatomically and developmentally sound <b>movement principles</b></li><li>spatial and <b>kinesthetic awareness</b></li><li><b>somatic approaches</b></li><li>skeletal system, including <b>bones and joints</b></li><li>different types and functions of <b>connective tissue</b></li><li>relationships between energy systems and <b>muscle-fibre types</b></li><li><b>planes of movement</b></li><li><b>movement actions</b></li><li><b>components of fitness</b></li><li><b>ways to monitor and adjust physical exertion levels</b></li><li><b>principles of fitness program design</b></li><li><b>effects of different types of fitness activities</b> on the body</li><li>influences of dance conditioning on performance</li><li><b>performance-enhancing supplements and drugs</b></li><li>exercise <b>safety and etiquette</b></li></ul>



## Learning Standards (continued)

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><b>Communicate and document</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examine and describe how muscles produce movement in different parts of the body and how to train those muscles</li><li>• Examine and document the relationships between healthy eating, overall health, and performance in dance activities</li><li>• Analyze and describe how different types of fitness activities influence the muscular and cardiovascular systems</li></ul> <p><b>Connect and expand</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examine cultural perspectives, protocols, <b>ways of knowing</b>, and movements to enhance dance conditioning activities</li><li>• Research personal, educational, and professional opportunities related to dance conditioning</li><li>• Consider personal safety, injury prevention and care, and physical health when engaged in dance conditioning activities</li><li>• Demonstrate <b>leadership skills</b> in different types of dance conditioning activities</li></ul>	