

**Warren T. Eich Middle School**  
**Ballroom Dance (Intermediate/Advanced)**  
**Student Application**

Ballroom Dance (Intermediate/Advanced) is for students who have previous experience with ballroom dance. **Students may petition Mr. Larsen if there is no previous experience.** The course will continue and/or introduce instruction in East Coast Swing, Foxtrot, Nightclub Two Step, Cha Cha, Latin Hustle, Waltz, West Coast Swing, Salsa, and Tango. The emphasis of this course is on creativity, precision of movement, posture, and rhythm. Along with the movement component, this course contains an academic element that focuses on keeping a journal to document ideas, analyze personal experiences, critique dance performances, and help develop writing skills. The goal of journal writing is to help students become critical thinkers and to become more articulate when discussing dance in particular. **Students will be expected to teach and perform for community and school organizations, both during school hours as well as outside of school hours.**

**For formal performances, see below for attire:**

Gentlemen: Long pants (no jeans!), non-white socks, belt or suspenders, dress shirt, tie. Shirts *must* be tucked in.

Ladies: Dress (does NOT have to be fancy), white gloves (provided)

Shoes: It is recommended that students purchase dance/dress shoes (any nice looking shoe with a slick sole is fine), as they will be using these all year. Tennis shoes are not acceptable for formal performances. Flats are recommended for the ladies as high heels can be difficult to dance in.

***This is a yearlong course.*** Students will be selected by a combination of performance/attitude/effort in dance class/enrichment period and the completed paperwork (Student Application and Teacher Recommendation Form). **The teacher recommendation form MUST be filled out by your Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies teacher.**

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 12, 2019**

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Larsen at [mlarsen@rcsdk8.org](mailto:mlarsen@rcsdk8.org).

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions as honestly and thoroughly as possible. You may either print your answers below or type your responses on a separate sheet and attach it to this sheet.

**Return this application to Mr. Larsen by Friday, April 12, 2019.**

1. Please circle which course(s) you are interested in.

Ballroom Dance (Intermediate)      Ballroom Dance (Advanced)

2. What is your experience in dance, not just ballroom?

3. Why do you want to take Ballroom Dance (Intermediate/Advanced)?

4. If selected, what will you contribute to this class?

5. What do you think it means to make a commitment?