

Folklorico Dance Syllabus

Tucson High Magnet School
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Period 7 - Folklorico 1, 2

"There are shortcuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them" - Vicki Baum

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About your teacher:

Hi everyone! My name is Bruno Loya and I would like to welcome each of you to the Folklorico program at Tucson High Magnet School.

For 18 years I have been privileged enough to share the art of folklorico dance with our Tucson community. I also currently serve as the assistant director to Tucson's Ballet Folklorico Arizona which is now entering its 29th season. My experience ranges from teaching at workshops such as the Las Vegas International Mariachi Conference, to performing in venues such as the Hollywood Bowl and events including the 2012 Olympic Festivities.

In December 2014 I received my Bachelor's in Accounting from the University of Arizona.

I look forward to getting to know each of you. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year!

Bruno Loya



Course Description

Students enrolled in Folklorico will develop an awareness and appreciation of Mexican folkloric dance as a performing art. Throughout the year each student will develop, refine and demonstrate a thorough historical and physical understanding of various regional dance styles and traditions of Mexico. Students will also be expected to gain knowledge of choreography and composition. All students enrolled in this course will be expected to participate & perform in informal and formal dance concerts & presentations. Creativity, critical thinking and problem solving models are used on a daily basis particularly when preparing for annual performances. Class objectives are aligned with the Arizona State Standards and dance curriculum. Students are expected to participate to the best of their ability at all times.

Behavior Expectations

In order to ensure a positive, safe and successful learning environment for all, students shall be:

- **Prompt:** Students must arrive to class before the last bell, dress out as soon as they walk in and sit down in assigned spots within 5 minutes after the bell.
- **Prepared:** Bring dance attire, notebook, water bottle and use restroom before class. No bathroom passes will be issued during learning time unless it's an emergency.
- **Productive:** Listen actively, stay on task, show effort and follow directions.
- **Performance:** Students will have tremendous learning opportunities through field trips, workshops, performances and rehearsals. We expect all students to take advantage of these opportunities. *Attendance & participation are major graded components of this course.*
- **Costumes:** We encourage students to acquire their own costume. If borrowing THMS costumes, student are responsible for fixing it (if needed it), dry cleaning, keeping it in good shape or replace it if lost. *Please see costume policy for more information.*



Fall Semester at a Glance:

Dates	Topic
Aug 6	Welcome
Aug 7 - Sep 3	Chiapas
Sep 4 - Oct 1	Jalisco
Oct 2-8	Día de los Muertos Traditions
Oct 20-30	Altar Construction
Oct 26	Viva Día de los Muertos Field Trip
Nov 3-5	Altar Presentations
Nov 12	NOCHE DE GALA
Nov 6-24	Sinaloa
Dec 1-3	Semester Movement Review
Dec 4	Movement Quiz
Dec 8-10	Navidad en Mexico
Dec 11-15	Semester Content Review
Dec 17	Final Exam

Grading Scale:

A	90% and up
B	80% to 89%
C	70% to 79%
D	60% to 69%
E	59% or lower

Classroom Rules

- **NO** Gum or Food
- **NO** Cell Phones, Laptops or Electronics
- **Always** Dress for Class
- Be **Respectful** to One Another

Not following class rules will affect grade. Disciplinary actions will be taken as recommended in the THMS discipline plan -- please take the time to review it. It provides each student with the opportunity to learn to be accountable for his or her own behavior.

Course Materials

- **Notebook/journal:** Students will be writing in class as part of the course curriculum
- **Dance attire** for every day class: athletic pants or shorts, fitted t-shirt or leotard, folklorico boots/shoes, tennis shoes or ballet flats, handkerchief, practice skirt, hair ties, head band, hair clips, bobby pins, deodorant.
- **Folklorico Vendors:** You can purchase folklorico items on line at www.mariachiconnection.com or in town with Alba Cazesuz 520-870-4104 or Martha Lee 520-690-1873 -- please call to schedule an appointment.
- **THMS Badger Foundation** gives grants for students to buy folklorico shoes. Applications are available in the library with Amy Rusk and they are reviewed first week of every month.
- **Other required performance items and project related materials will be communicated on a separate handout later in the semester.**

Grading Criteria

In all avenues of life one thing is for sure... it is better to be **proactive** vs **reactive**. That being said, please be sure to always put in your absolute best effort and commitment toward completing all course assignments and requirements. Grades will be updated via **TUSDstats** at least three times each week.

As stated previously mentioned **attendance & participation** will make up a significant portion of your grade so please be sure to be present in class, on-time, and always putting your best foot forward.

Student grades will be calculated using a total point system which is cumulative by semester. **See the table to the left for the grading scale.**

More about assignments...

Graded assignment categories will be as follows:

- **Daily Participation** (10pts ea)
Points will be deducted for missing warm-ups, not dressing out, non-participation, and other disruptive behavior as determined by me.
- **Individual Homework** (Varied)
Expectations for individual homework will vary by assignment and be communicated at the time the homework is provided.
- **Group Projects** (200pts ea)
Group projects provide a wonderful opportunity for students to collaborate with their peers and solve problems by using an array of diverse perspectives. Norms for collaborative work:
 - Equity of Voice
 - Active Listening
 - Respect for all perspectives
- **Movement Quizzes** (50pts ea)
Students will be assessed on footwork & dance excerpts throughout the year.
- **Written Quizzes** (50pts ea)
Students will be assessed on content knowledge from in class lectures, homework, and reading assignments in both written and oral forms.

- **Mandatory Dress Rehearsals** (150pts ea)
After school rehearsals will become necessary as we near our annual productions. Participation in these rehearsals are graded and mandatory. Dates and times will be communicated *at least* 10 days prior to the rehearsal.
- **Community Performances** (100pts ea)
As we become booked for community performances it is important that we represent our school well by having all students participate. I understand that there may be conflicts or hardships to make every performance. Students should participate in **at least 75%** of community performances to receive *full points* in this category.
- **Annual Productions** (500pts ea)
Performing arts would not so if we did not perform! Attendance is **required at all** theater productions **whether or not the student will be performing**. These **mandatory** dates are as follows: **November 12th, February 12th***, and **April 27th**.

***Make-up work** must be turned in NO LATER than **7 days** from returning to class.

***You will be notified if there are any changes to the dates above. Please refer to the Fall Semester at a Glance table on page 2 for more information on other semester topics.**



Costume Policy

Los Tucsonenses students are privileged enough to have access to over 400 costume pieces and accessories! It has taken nearly 43 years to accumulate such an extensive costume inventory, with each costume averaging \$200 each.

For this reason, it is important that students demonstrate the utmost **responsibility** when entrusted with costuming.

Costumes will be assigned

to students prior to a performance. It is the student's responsibility to:

- **Maintain costumes.**
You are responsible for *mending any tears to costumes*. A list of seamstresses is available. Notify me of tears *prior* to taking your costume.
- **Account for costumes.**
Keep track of all costume pieces you are assigned. If something is lost you must replace it. Cost will depend on the lost item.
- **Clean costumes.**
Students are responsible for dry cleaning their costumes at the end of the year.

In the end, treat these

costumes items **as if they were your own** to help preserve and protect the resources available to our program.

It is encouraged that students purchase their own costumes and practice skirts. A list of seamstresses will be available for those who wish to own their costumes.

Please note that this costume policy also applies to any practice skirts that are checked out throughout the school year.

If you have any questions or concerns about this costume policy, please feel free to contact me.

Calling All Parents!

Our groups success would not be possible without the continued support of our parents & guardians!

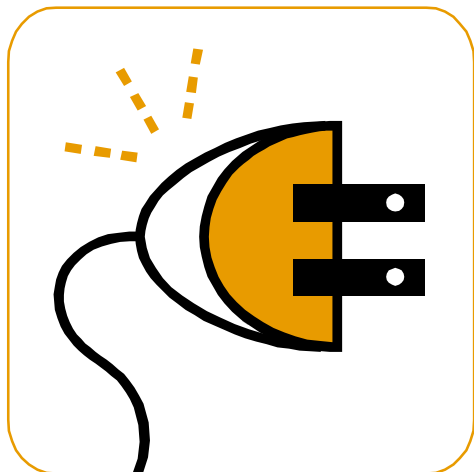
Please do not have any reservations about reaching out to me throughout the school year with any questions or concerns you may have.

We would like to invite each of you to attend this year's dance presentations to support our talented and

hardworking folklorico classes.

We also encourage each of you to get involved in our club events and participate in our classroom activities.

If you wish to be a parent volunteer we would love to have you on board! We have various opportunities to assist on committees such as fundraising, prop making, and various others.



Online Classroom

This year our program will be using an online classroom to enhance student learning and parental involvement. You may access our site at:

lostucsonenses.weebly.com

This website will be used to:

- Provide updates
- View calendars
- Access supplemental videos & readings
- Complete homework
- View rehearsal videos
- Download Syllabus

I encourage parents to regularly visit our online classroom to be informed about what your students are learning and do a little learning yourselves!

You'll notice that at the bottom of our websites homepage there is an option to subscribe to our class email list. Please complete the short form (only email is required) to make sure you are up to date on newly published content.

Like to text? Subscribe today!

Take a minute to subscribe to our text message list today to receive instant updates about your folklorico classes wherever you are.

This will be a helpful tool to receive homework reminders, rehearsal schedules, and other last minute details pertaining to your class.

Join via text

Text **@thmsfolk7** to **81010**

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Please kindly sign and date below and return **ONLY THIS PORTION** no later than **Friday, August 14th** for 10pts.

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