



Star Gazer Class Period Grade Expectations & Syllabus



Course Description:

The goal of the Star Gazer, pre-drill, dance class is for each Star Gazer to become highly qualified and be inducted into the Dazzler Dance/Drill Team by the end of the semester. Throughout the semester Star Gazers will be challenged both mentally and physically while being demanded to manage their time and strengthen their dance ability. The aspiring Star Gazer will be graded thoroughly from participation, projects, dance evaluations, and notebook expectations. If a Star Gazer does not exceed expectation on any of these requirements then their grade will reflect their decision and that particular Star Gazer will not be inducted into the Dazzler Dance/Drill Team.

Dressing Out:

Star Gazers must be in practice attire designated by the Director on a daily basis. This includes, but is not limited to: a specific top, dance pants, sneakers, dance shoes, no jewelry, hair pulled back, no cover-ups, and no gum. Star Gazers must be 100% correct for class ***BEFORE ENTERING THE DANCE ROOM***. Failure to follow the dressing out procedures will result in a deduction of points from their daily grade (weight x1) and “gripes” being given. When a Star Gazer receives more than 10 points abstracted from their daily grade per week that Star Gazer will be given one “gripe”!

Dancing Evaluations:

Star Gazers will learn and be expected to obtain and perform many dance skills, combinations, techniques, and routines for grading purposes and for their growth as a dancer. A Star Gazer “Star Chart” will be kept and stars applied as certain dance skills are mastered. Specific and required dance skills and techniques will be assigned a major grade (weight x2), while specialty skills, not required but recommended, will be awarded stars and “grins”! *Star Gazers will have to try out for routines to be performed in Show-Offs, Competitions, and Spring Show.* School grades, behavior, showmanship, memory, and execution of routine will be considered and will determine who is chosen to perform.

Notebook Expectations:

Star Gazers are required to maintain a notebook throughout the course of the semester. The notebook will be an essential tool for the Star Gazer to become organized for the drill team world! The notebook will need to be ½ an inch wide, will need 5 dividers and additional paper. Star Gazers will create a cover page in class and will participate in a cover page decoration contest for “grins” and a prize! Specific daily grades for the Star Gazer notebook will include: Agendas, Dazzler Practice Observations, and Competition Observations. Major Grades will be: Star Gazer Guidelines Test, Dazzler Constitution Test, and the Dazzler Creed Test.

Becoming a Star Gazer is a very special privilege. Take responsibility and pride for the hard work and discipline it will take to *shine bright!*

