



## Dance Choreography – Category Guidelines

**DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY** is the act of creating movement. The *choreographer* (student submitting entry) maybe the performer or one of the performers, but the choreographer does not have to perform in the entry.

Reflect on the 2022-2022 Theme: *I Will Change the World By...*

**Consider the following styles and ensembles to portray your original choreography:** Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap, Folk Dance, Religious Dance, Dance Ensembles (color guard/indoor guard), Ice Skating/Dancing and Gymnastics-floor Routine.

**Consider use of background song(s), props and the location to show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme.** An explanation of the origin of the dance and/or the significance of the choreography might be a useful addition to the artist statement when submitting a dance choreography entry that involves traditional, cultural or regional dances. Whether an entry displays formal dance technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.

### Suggestions for Audio/Visual Quality:

- Use a tripod to hold the camera still.
- Make sure there is plenty of lighting, especially if shooting indoors.
- Turn off all noise-making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.).
- Record a short test and listen to it. If needed, change the record volume or microphone location.
- Make sure the background music (if any) is audible on the recording.
- Allow for two seconds of silence at the beginning and end of your recording.

**Copyright:** Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. **Use of background music must be cited on the student entry form.**

### Submission Requirements:

- Only **new pieces** of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the **original work of one student only**.
- Video must **not exceed 5 minutes in length and must not exceed 200 MB in file size**.
- Accepted file formats include: **.mp4, .avi** file format.
- **Cite background music** (if any) on the student entry form.
- If necessary, label CD/DVD/flash drive with title of artwork, arts category, and division.
- Submit dance video and student entry form according to your PTA's instructions.

**All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation and any NC Specific Rules & Guidelines**