Content Area: Dance

Standard: 2. Create, Compose and Choreograph

Prepared Graduates:

- Improvise and create movement based on an intent or meaning
- > Demonstrate and use the principles and practices of choreography in the creative process

Grade Level Expectation: First Grade

Concepts and skills students master:

1. Use the dance elements to create a simple movement phrase based on personal ideas and concepts from other sources

Evidence Outcomes

Students can:

- a. Create a simple movement phrase that has a beginning, middle, and an end during instructor-lead exercise
- Experiment with tempo and timing changes. Walk and move on a beat in various ways such as moving for four beats and stopping for seven beats
- Create shapes that relate to nature or an idea, and develop them into a simple phrase of movement, learning to compose a "one-part" phrase (beginning, middle, and end)
- d. Create a short movement phrase to express feelings
- e. Use movement symbols to create a movement phrase during instructor-lead exercise

21st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies

Inquiry Questions:

- 1. Where do movement ideas come from?
- 2. What does it mean to dance on beat?
- 3. How does the movement of a particular dance make you feel?
- 4. Why do some movements look better than others?
- 5. Can you see the sounds in the movement of a particular dance?
- 6. Does the movement pattern of a particular dance make sense?
- 7. Does your dance have a beginning, middle, and an ending?

Relevance and Application:

- 1. Promoting thinking through movements of the body demonstrates the body as a personal instrument of expression and ways to communicate without words.
- 2. Connecting a simple dance phrase to a simple sentence provides a multi-modality approach to basic sentence structure.
- 3. Awareness of similar patterns that happen in writing, reading, and moving pictures provides an understanding that people communicate in many ways.

Nature of Dance:

- 1. Dance is a language of expression.
- 2. Dance communicates ideas and stories.
- 3. Dance is the human body moving in time and space expressive movement.