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**Colorado 21st Century Skills**

- **Critical Thinking and Reasoning:** Thinking Deeply, Thinking Differently
- **Information Literacy:** Untangling the Web
- **Collaboration:** Working Together, Learning Together
- **Self-Direction:** Own Your Learning
- **Invention:** Creating Solutions

The Colorado Academic Standards for Dance are not intended to be taught in a linear (checklist of coverage) fashion, but rather should be implemented as a cyclical creative process. Each unit within this sample blueprint intentionally includes standards from all four dance standards to illustrate this process-based philosophy.

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**Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit**
DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2
DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.2
DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.2
DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2

**Inquiry Questions (Engaging-Debatable):**
- Can a dance be constructed of rhythmic elements only? Why or why not? (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)
- What does the phrase “actions speak louder than words” mean?
- How does dance illustrate music?

**Unit Strands**
- Performance Technique
- Create Movement
- Historical Context
- Respond Critically

**Concepts**
- Traditional Patterns, Rhythmic Movement, Space/Time/Energy, Cultural Symbols, Expressions, Style

**Generalizations**

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<td>How do rhythmic sequences add interest in a dance performance?</td>
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<td>Development and exploration of space, time, and energy (movement elements) inspires originality in composition. (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2)</td>
<td>How do the movement elements make up the vocabulary of a dance?</td>
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<td>Cultural dances provide the basis from which new dance styles and dance works emerge. (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)</td>
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<td>Music and rhythmic patterns can inspire expression in dance. (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)</td>
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<td>• An understanding of a sense of style in order to create and perform dance. (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)</td>
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<td>• Culture provides many answers to the mysteries of composition (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)</td>
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<td>• Examples of dances that illustrate musical phrases/themes (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)</td>
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<td>• To dance to the beat of the mind and body (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)</td>
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<td>• Examples of rhythmic based dances; i.e.: clogging, Stomp, jump rope sequences (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)</td>
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<td>Three Dimensional Space, Time, Energy, Effort, Weight, Flow, Balance, Stillness, Transfer Of Weight, Spring Step, Bunny Jumps, Can Can, Syncopated, Accented, Principles Of Choreography, Movement Motif, Movement Phrase, Movement Sequence, Binary Form (AB), Ternary Form (ABA) Rondo Form (ABACAD), Theme And Variation: Development Of Original Statement, Narrative, Canon Or Fugue (Themes Are Repeated) Elements Of Construction/Principles Of Design: Repetition, Highlight, Proportion, Retrograde, Balance, Transition, Logical Development, Unity: Selection, Refinement, Technical Precision, Practice, Presentation, Athleticism, Artistry.</td>
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## Curriculum Development Overview

### Unit Planning for 5th Grade Dance

**Unit Title**: The Symbols Are Dancing  
**Length of Unit**: 2 weeks

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                                 | DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1  
                                 | DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2                                           |

**Inquiry Questions (Engaging-Debatable):**
- How is reading a dance similar or different to reading a book? (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1,2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)
- When is movement a dance?

**Unit Strands**
- Perform symbol-based movements
- Create symbol-based movements, phrases and dances
- Context Language of Dance symbols
- Respond with intent

**Concepts**
- Space/Time/Energy, Improvisation, Investigate/Discover, Symbols, Movement, Movement Phrases

### Generalizations

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<td>What is the role of movement phrases in a whole dance?</td>
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<td>How can written symbols be used to record dance?</td>
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### Critical Content:
**My students will Know...**

- The correct interpretation of movement-based Language of Dance symbols, such as in place, travelling and level changes (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2)
- A safe process to explore and create movements (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1)
- Variations of symbol-based movements, such as in place, travelling and level changes (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)
- The creative process for fashioning singular movements into phrases (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)
- Ways that movement phrases weave into dances (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)
- Appropriate responses to dances created by others (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)

### Key Skills:
**My students will be able to (Do)...**

- Identify how the intent of phrases or a dance can be altered by stimuli (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2-EO.b)
- Create various group shapes and spatial settings (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1-EO.a)
- Create movement phrases using each of the compositional elements (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.2-EO.a)
- Consider the aesthetic quality of the design when composing (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.2-EO.b)
- Discuss the distinguishing characteristics such as vocabulary, basic postures, footwork, and gestures from different dance forms (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1-EO.e)
- Assess the suitability of a movement, the number of dancers participating, and the length of the work to determine whether the choreographer’s intent is clear (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1-EO.b)
- Describe the movement content of a particular dance work and the effect each component has on the work (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1-EO.e)
- Use traditional dance vocabulary to describe aspects of space, time, and energy in a particular dance (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2-EO.b)
- Recognize how the aesthetic principles of design (sequence, contrast, repetition, and unity) increase artistic clarity (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2-EO.c)
- Describe and analyze a sequence in a dance based on basic Laban or Benesh language of dance concepts, symbols, and vocabulary (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2-EO.e)

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Reading the Language of Dance symbols to notate levels, duration, position etc. helps me to perform dances and create dances that others can follow.

### Academic Vocabulary:
- Acquire, Adapt, Analyze, Arrange, Assemble, Communicate, Compose, Construct, Convert, Cooperate, Create, Decide, Design, Develop, Discover, Evaluate, Experiment, Generate, Identify, Imagine, Improvise, Learn, Listen To, Manipulate, Negotiate, Observe, Organize, Order, Perform, Problem Solve, Produce, Select, Share, Speak, Structure, Transform

### Technical Vocabulary:
- Direction, Level, Size, Shape, Timing, Duration, Rhythm, Position, Energy Quality, Pathway, Movement Phrase, Form, Transition, Improvise, Movement Variation, Stillness

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### Unit Planning for 5th Grade Dance

#### Unit Title
To the Pointe

#### Length of Unit
3 weeks/15 contact hours

#### Focusing Lens(es)
Aesthetic

#### Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit
- DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2
- DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.2
- DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.2
- DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.2

#### Inquiry Questions (Engaging-Debatable):
- How is it possible to communicate without words? (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2-IQ.4)
- What influences society’s value of dance works? (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, 2)

#### Unit Strands
- Performance Technique
- Create with Intent
- Cultural Context
- Respond Analytically

#### Concepts
- Law/Rules, Technique, Influence, Value, Audience, Line

#### Generalizations

**Time-tested kinesthetic laws and rules guide the development of good dance technique.** (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1)

**Performers, choreographers and observers influence and are influenced by dance technique.** (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)

**The worth or value of a dance is determined by both dancers and audience.** (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)

#### Factual
- In any style of dance, where does the force of a jump come from?
- What is the role of the choreographer, dancers, and audience?
- What are possible influences that would shape a person’s like or dislike for a dance work?
- What does it mean to withstand the test of time?

#### Conceptual
- What are the components of good dance technique?
- How is a live performance influenced by all of these roles?
- Why are some dances popular from generation to generation (Nutcracker) and others are not?
### Critical Content:

**My students will Know...**

- Dance-making requires collaboration (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)
- Composing with a group means considering a horizontal and vertical palette (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)
- Choreographic choices all relate to the past (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)
- Examples of influences or preferences of dance works (DA09-GR.5-S.1-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.3-GLE.1, 2) and (DA09-GR.5-S.4-GLE.1, 2)

### Key Skills:

**My students will be able to (Do)...**

- Create a dance by using group shapes and spatial settings. (DA09-GR.5-S.2-GLE.1-EO.b)
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**"My group helped me take a big idea and make it into a story we could tell with the amount of people and space we had."**

### Academic Vocabulary:

- Notation, Stimuli, Spatial, Proportion, Aesthetics, Theme, Replicate, Collaboration, Horizontal, Vertical, Inspiration, Palette

### Technical Vocabulary:

- Footwork, Posture, Gesture, "Major Works," Principles Of Design, Laban Notation, Benesh Notation, Kinesthetic, Force, Plie/Bend