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## Dance Choreography – Specific Rules/Guidelines

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

***2023/2024 Theme: I am Hopeful Because.....***

**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 the 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 **1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte)** in file size. Accepted file format is **MP4** only.
- Cite background music (if any) on the Google Entry Form..
- **Digital Submission only.** Submit the [Reflections Google Form](#) and upload your **Dance MP4** to the form as well.
- Dance MP4 must be labeled as DC<Grade><First Name><LastName>

**All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation**