

NYC Board 2022

The San Mateo High School NYC dance tour provides students with post-secondary educational and career opportunities. These students, many of whom are interested in the Performing Arts as a career, will view three Broadway shows, one modern dance performance, talk with cast members after the performances, and participate in dance classes and workshops taught by professional, working dancers/actors. The students will also be touring American Cultural Centers such as the Apollo Theatre, Rockefeller Center, Ground Zero and the 9/11 Memorial Museum, the statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

This will be the 1st time that I am taking students on this trip, however, Robyn Tribuzi will be helping me to plan as well as attending this trip. Robyn was the dance teacher prior to me at SMHS and this will be the 10th time that she has taken students to NYC since the spring of 2001 and the 8th time that she has taken students from the San Mateo High School Dance program.

The curriculum of my Intermediate and Advanced Dance classes includes a variety of dance styles, with an emphasis on theatrical dance performance. This NY trip is an extension of that curriculum as students get first-hand experience by viewing an array of dance performance styles and venues. They experience all aspects of dance performance, from taking the same classes as the performers, to touring the backstage areas of a Broadway Theater, to talking with top-notch professional dancers/actors about their post-secondary education. This culminates with the students seeing a variety of dance styles performed by those same performers they took classes with.

In addition, they will have a cross-curricular experience, touring the many cultural sites in NYC that they are learning about in their Social Science and English classes.

In order to keep students safe during this ongoing pandemic, all students who attend this trip will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. For this reason, we will be offering this trip to class of 2022 seniors in intermediate and advanced dance this year. In addition, we will follow all safety ordinances that may be in place at the time of the trip.

It is important to note that any student who wants to attend will be able to attend regardless of their ability to pay. The dance department will cover the cost for students who need assistance.

I have attached a few supporting documents for you to review:

- I've attached the Medical release form.
- I've attached the packet that the student/chaperones receive at the final meeting. This packet is both printed as well as available in a PDF for so the students/chaperones can access this on their phones.

- I've attached several examples of the Post Trip Reflections that the students write. I've chosen several essays reflecting the different experiences and learning outcomes from students of a variety of socio-economic levels.