# Dance Choreography

**DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY** is the act of creating movement. The **choreographer** (student submitting the entry) is a person who expresses their original thoughts and ideas through the use of scripted 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.

**To portray your original choreography, consider the following styles and ensembles:** ballet, contemporary, hip hop, jazz, tap, folk dance, religious dance, dance ensembles (color guard/indoor guard), ice skating/dancing and gymnastics-floor routine.

Whether an entry displays formal dance technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses their artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity. **Consider use of choreographic style and techniques, background song(s), props and the location to show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme.**

**Copyright:** Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. If background music is used in dance choreography entries, it must be cited on the entry form (title, composer and performer).

**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.

**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.
- Entries with added graphics in the video are not accepted.
- Cite background music (if any) on the student entry form.
- Video must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1,000 MB (1,000 megabyte) in file size.
- Accepted file formats are: .mp4, .mov, or .avi.
- Submit artwork and student entry form according to your local, council, and state guidelines.

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