S:2 H: 4 GLO: 9-12 Stepping Out

OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC STANDARDS: Physical Education

Source: http://www.ket.org/artstoolkit/wodm/pdf/bonus/stepping_out.pdf

Objectives/ Student Targets	Equipment & Technology Needed:
Cognitive: The students will create a step.	
	TV/DVD Player, paper and pencil for each
Affective: The students will develop an appreciation for stepping.	pair of students
Psychomotor: The students will be able to identify and demonstrate characteristics of stepping.	
Academic Vocabulary:	
Stepping, AB choreographic form, call and response	
Introduction / Anticipatory Set:	
	Classroom Layout:
- Tell the students about the background on stepping. In the United States, stepping originated	
among African-American fraternities in the early 20th century and quickly became popular	Large, open room such as a gym
among African-American sororities as well. Stepping has roots in African dance, and in recent	Or large classroom
years, many school, church, and community groups have established step teams. Today,	
participants in stepping come from all ethnic groups.	
- Stepping focuses on the sounds made by the feet and hands of the steppers. The movement is	
sharp, angular, and clear, and singing, chanting, and drama may be involved. The strong, tightly	
synchronized movement demonstrates unity, loyalty, and pride among the fraternity, sorority, or	
other organization. Chants or songs often proclaim the strong points of the organization and	
express the pride of the members.	
Here is a link to a short video of a sorority and fraternity from Winston-Salem State University in	
NC.	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox47C_H5dYo	
nave students analyze the dancing they see: body parts emphasized, force, time, shapes,	
personal or general space, and locomotor and nonlocomotor movements used. This form may be	
simplified, students may work in pairs, or the class may be divided into groups, with one group	
ooking at only one or two characteristics or factors.	

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Instant Activity:

Here is another link to a video to learn simple stepping moves. Have all of the students stand up and find open space so we can all follow along with the video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFb0EUIkYac

Pause the video as many times as needed for the students to fully understand.

Fitness Development:

Muscular Endurance and Cardiorespiratory Endurance will be developed as they continue to work length of activity

Body Composition will improve with daily activity and nutrition is tracked

Flexibility will improve through a daily dynamic warm-up and static stretching during the cool down.

Lesson Focus:

Divide the class into pairs. Each pair will develop a four-count step sequence.

The sequence must have:

- 1 step, 1 clap. 1 slap, and 1 arm gesture
- strong, sharp force
- clearly angular or straight shapes and movements
- exactly four counts and a clear beat

Remind the students to think back to the instructional video we just watched.

Group sets of two pairs together. One pair performs for the other. Each group needs to have a piece of paper and a pencil. Using the criteria above, the performing group assesses itself and the observing pair assesses the performing pair. They compare their assessments of the sequence. Depending upon time, the performing pair may perform their sequence again, working to improve on criteria where they were less successful.

Teaching Cues:

Strong movements
Force
Emphasize body parts
Sharp, angular movements

Modifications:

If your class is advanced and need more of a challenge, have them create 8-count sequences instead of a 4-count.

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Teams switch.	
Assessment:	
Peer assessment	
Closure:	
As a class, discuss the sequences. • What was challenging about creating the sequence? • What was challenging about performing the sequence? • What did it feel like to perform the key features of stepping?	