

# Priorities for Dance Education

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the Field

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The Priorities for Dance Education provide us areas of opportunities to grow our field. They empower us to be agents of change. They bind us together across environments. They speak to everyone in dance.

**These PRIORITIES call all NDEO members to:**

Network with one another

Move the art of dance forward

Make dance visible to the public



NDEO invites you to use this brochure to advance the art of dance as an essential educational component to lifelong learning in your community and beyond.

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# CONNECT the Field



Our art form and practices in dance link our global dance community in an enormous circle. Each of us is a connector in the field.

**Our Goal:** Develop and promote a community of individuals, organizations, and institutions who share a passion for excellence in dance education, artistry, research, and administration.



# BUILD Knowledge



Our knowledge grows as we teach and reach others through the art of dance. It deepens as we practice the business of dance. Each of us is a knowledge builder in the field.

**Our Goal:** Build, promote, and share knowledge that impacts teaching and learning in and through dance.



Know your art;  
know your business



Share best practices in your  
art and in your business



Teach the world  
to reach the world

# CULTIVATING Leadership



We work with complexities, embrace constant change, and engage in multiple relationships in our dance practices. We step up to challenges. We are all leaders.

**Our Goal:** Equip experienced and emerging professionals in the field with opportunities to develop and exhibit leadership skills.



Grow your leadership skills in the art and business of dance



Change the conversation about the art of dance through your leadership



Lead to connect, build, and grow our field

**National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)** is a non-profit 501c3, membership organization dedicated to advancing dance education centered in the arts. NDEO provides the dance artist, educator, and administrator a network of resources and support, a base for advocacy and research, and access to professional development opportunities that focus on the importance of dance in the human experience. Our members teach multiple dance genres in a variety of environments including, but not limited to, PreK-12 schools, dance studios, early childhood centers, colleges, universities, performing arts organizations, and community centers.



Major programs of NDEO include:

**Journal of Dance Education (JODE)**

**Dance Education in Practice (DEiP)**

**Annual National Conference**

**Special Topic Conferences**

**Online Professional Development Institute (OPDI)**

**Certificate in Dance Education (CiDE)**

**Registered Dance Educator Accreditation (RDE)**

**National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA)**

**Dance Entry Level Teacher Assessment (DELTA)**

**Dance Education Literature and Research descriptive index (DELRdi)**

and Online Forums

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