The Child's Bill of Rights in Dance

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The National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) believes that every American child should have the following rights to instruction in dance and urges that these rights be recognized and guaranteed by educational funding authorities, school administrators, and the public.

- 1. As their right, all children at every level must have access to a balanced, comprehensive, and sequential program of dance instruction taught by teachers qualified in dance.
- 2. As their right, all children must be given the opportunity to explore and develop their movement abilities to the fullest extent possible through instruction that is equal to that provided in the other basic subjects of the curriculum and through instruction that is responsive to the individual needs of each child.
- 3. As their right, all children must receive the finest possible education in dance. Every child must have an equal opportunity to study dance and the quality and quantity of children's dance instruction must not depend upon their geographical location, social status, racial or ethnic background, urban/