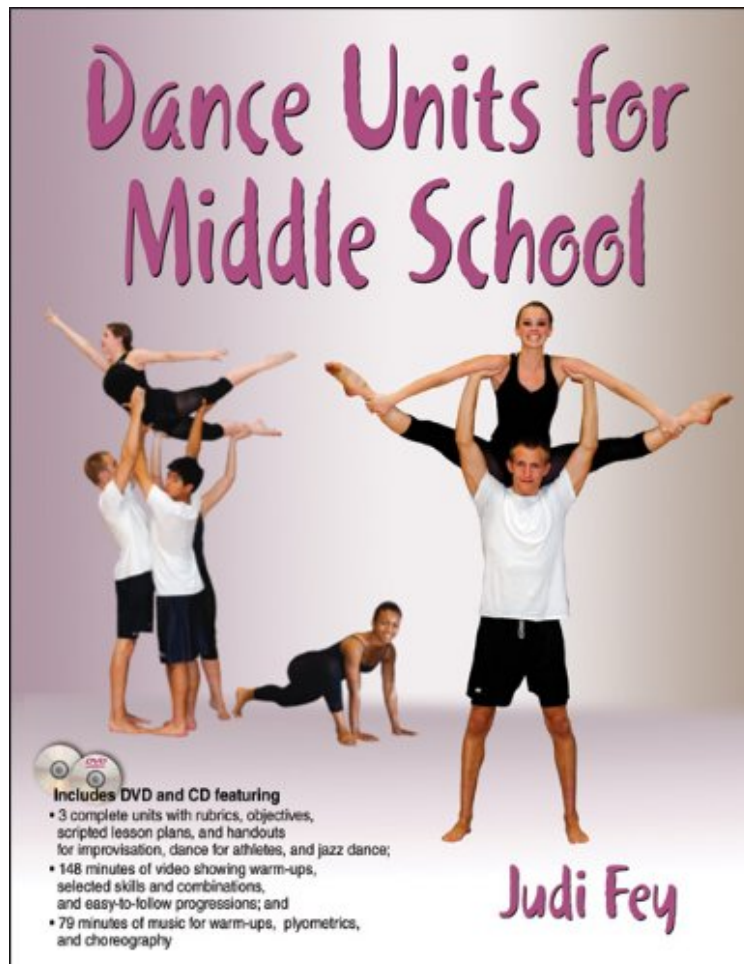


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Research clearly links increased participation in the arts to improved academic achievementand in response, more middle schools are adding dance to their curriculum. But most middle school educators are not trained in dance. Realizing this dilemma, author Judi Fey crafted the solution: Dance Units for Middle School. Ideal for teachers without dance training as well as for dance educators, the book takes a student-directed approachyou provide the students clear directions, and they create their own projects. Dance Units for Middle School provides you with everything you need to facilitate dance units: Teacher scripts to direct your students work and to increase your comfort level Strategies for facilitating student dance and making it fun A DVD with 77 reproducibles and video

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