

News From  
**Cogan Station, PA**  
**(Dancing In Schools)**  
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Square Dancing In School

For the past six years, Hank Lutcher from Cogan Station, PA has been teaching Modern Western Square Dancing six weeks each year at the Jersey Shore School District #6 Jr High School.

Hank was initially approached by one of the teachers, the son of a local square dancer. During his first visit to the school they showed him a notebook of instructions to teach Modern Western Square Dancing and a music tape but they did not know where to begin. The schools in Pennsylvania are required to teach traditional dance every two years.

This past year he taught 638 young people. He had a gym class every day from 8:10 AM to 3:10 PM with half of the students each day. Knowing that age group likes competition, he told them that the best square would be his demo square to teach the next call. At the end of the 6 weeks, they will have learned approximately 75% of the Mainstream list. The teachers are an active part of the class assisting where needed. During the last class of the year, all students are graded with the teachers taking 5 points off their final score for each mistake. Hank is paid for his time and his lunch is furnished.

Hank has offered a new dancer session any night of the week to the students and parents but thus far, he has been unsuccessful in getting any of the students or parents involved in the local square dance program.

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