Dance Audition Requirements

Welcome to the Dance audition process! At the core of the Dance Department is the intensive study of technique. In addition to a foundational class in ballet every day, where students delve deep into classical technique, dancers study jazz, modern, pointe, and pas de deux.

There will be two phases of the audition process. The first is the preliminary video submission, which will allow you to prepare your material and send your best work for us to review; you will upload your video(s) to the online application portal. The second is an In-Person Dance Audition Day in December or January. An invitation to applicants who meet the criteria in their preliminary video will be sent prior to the applicant’s selected audition day.

Tips on making your videos:

- You can use your phone to record the videos.
- Each piece can be a separate video.
- At the beginning of each video, introduce yourself and the piece you will be performing.

REQUIREMENTS

Preliminary Audition Videos:

1. **Student Introduction** (30 seconds - 1 minute)
   - Name, Grade, Current School
   - Why are you applying to The Chicago Academy for the Arts?
   - Brief explanation of previous artistic experience.

2. **Ballet Combinations**
   - You will learn and record the following combinations for the faculty to assess your skills.
     - [Combination 1](#)
     - [Combination 2](#)
     - [Combination 3](#)

3. **Contemporary Piece** (~1 minute)
   - An expressive piece that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical, and classical ballet.
**In-Person Audition (by invitation only):**

1. **Solo Audition:** Prepare a one-to-two minute solo routine in ballet, jazz, modern, or a dance form that is representative of your talent. Bring your own music accompaniment on your phone, iPod, or CD. Please have music cued prior to your audition.

2. **Department Interview:** Faculty want to get to know you better! Be ready to discuss your past dance experience.

**Attire:**

1. Dress in suitable, clean dance attire.
   a. **Ladies:** black leotards, black, pink or flesh colored tights, and ballet slippers
   b. **Gentlemen:** white t-shirt, black tights, ballet slippers
2. No sweatshirts/sweatpants and no baggy pants.