



General Information

High School Dance Auditions

- All students interested in Apex Arts must complete an online application [here](#).
- All applicants must complete an audition to be considered for the program.
- Audition appointments will be automatically scheduled by the application system. Please plan accordingly.
- All applicants must pass the auditions and meet academic requirements to be eligible for the lottery.
- All students expressing interest in Apex Arts are highly encouraged to audition, regardless of previous training or experience level.

Dance Audition Components

A Dance audition consists of:

- **Prepared Phrases (2):** Access the required choreography here: [Dance Audition Video](#)
The movement phrases are described below and will be assessed based on the criteria listed:
 - **Prepared Adagio Center Phrase:** By watching the pre-recorded instructional video, students will learn a slow, controlled phrase of movement including the ability to balance on one leg with the other extended into the air. This will be performed at the audition.
 - **Prepared Floor Work Center Phrase:** By watching the pre-recorded instructional video, students will learn a dynamic phrase of movement using different levels and taking weight into different parts of the body. This will be performed at the audition.

Note: The phrase-work will not be retaught the day of the audition. Students must prepare by memorizing the phrase and applying corrections for details prior to the auditions.

- **Audition Prompt: Learn New Choreography at Audition**
 - Be prepared to perform the prepared adagio phrase and the floor work phrase at the time of the audition without instruction.
 - During the audition, students will learn a phrase of movement that may include jumps and/or turns, and full body coordination.
 - This will be performed live at the time of the audition (virtual or in-person).

- **Interview**

- Be prepared to discuss your interest in Apex Arts, your portfolio, and potential as an artist.

- **Attire for In-Person Auditions and Video Submissions**

The following guidelines are provided for all dancers submitting audition materials for Apex Arts. Guidelines are in place to support every dancer's safety, health, and comfort. Students are not adjudicated based on their apparel.

- **Attire Option 1:** A leotard (any color) and pink/black/skin-tone tights
- **Attire Option 2:** Solid color leggings with a fitted tank top or t-shirt
- **Attire Option 3:** A fitted tank top or t-shirt with solid color jazz pants, joggers, or athletic shorts

Dancers are required to either be barefoot or to wear dance shoes; dancing in socks presents a safety hazard and is not permitted. Hair should be pulled back away from the face and neck and secured neatly, jewelry is not permitted, and makeup if worn should be simple.

Scoring Criteria

You will be scored on the following criteria for each piece:

- **Ability to Pick up Choreography:** Able to grasp and reproduce 80-100% of movement material learned prior to and during the audition. Preparation for audition is executed by learning 2 of the phrases prior to the audition, as well as preparing a solo.
- **Body Alignment:** Consistently able to demonstrate the ability to stand in various positions while maintaining a vertical spine and proper rotation of the legs.
- **Balance and Control:** Consistently able to demonstrate stability through the transfer of weight and by engaging abdominal muscles.
- **Performance Quality (Dynamics and Energy):** Consistently able to approach movement phrases with energy, rhythm, and embodied stage presence.
- **Professionalism:** Fully engaged in the audition process including performing, watching, and learning.

High school applicants must score at least an average score of 7 on their audition AND meet academic requirements to be eligible for this program.

Recommendations for Preparation

- Visit www.aacps.org/apexarts for more information about Info Sessions, Workshops, applications and auditions.
- See your school counselor for assistance with the application or for more details about the academic requirements.

- Practice the 2 Prepared Center phrases to ensure you have them memorized and can perform them without instruction.
- Get feedback from teachers about your performance, techniques, and video quality. Ask questions about the prompts if you are unclear about what is being requested.
- Practice for the interview by speaking with various people about your interest in Dance
- Review the scoring criteria so that you know how your performance will be assessed.
- Contact the Apex Arts Office with any specific questions you may have.
- ***Si necesita una explicación en español de los requisitos, llame a José al 410 533 4815***