

The Chicago Academy for the Arts

DANCE DEPARTMENT AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

We are thrilled that you are auditioning for The Chicago Academy for the Arts. Please remember: our number one goal is for you to be successful. That means that when you have questions, please ask them! You can email Dance Chair [Randy Duncan](#) and Assistant Dance Chair [Patrick Simoniello](#) at any time for more clarification.

Preliminary Audition Requirements:

Applicants must create an [Online Application](#) to submit their preliminary audition.

- 1. Student Introduction Video:** (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. Contemporary Performance Video:** (1 minute)
 - Expressive piece that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical, and classical ballet.
- 3. Dance Photos:**

Applicants will upload photos of themselves in the following positions:

 - Tendu à la seconde par terre en face with arms in second position
 - A la seconde en l'air en face with arms in second position
 - First arabesque en l'air décote (facing to the side)

Live Audition Requirements:

- **Solo Audition:** Prepare a 1 - 2 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. You may also be asked to improvise during your live audition.
- **Department Interview:** Faculty want to get to know you better! Be ready to discuss your past dance experience.

Attire:

All dancers must dress in suitable, clean, form-fitting dance attire consisting of:

- Black leotard or shirt
- Black tights or tights that match individual's skin tone
- Ballet slippers that match individual's skin tone or tight color
- Dance belts are recommended when appropriate
- No cover-ups of any kind are to be worn over dance attire

We look forward to working with you soon!

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