

NWSA 2018-19 Audition Requirements

Dance (Middle School)

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Audition Length – 1 hour

Please be prepared to dance promptly at the given time. **Late arrivals** and **students not dressed in the required attire** (listed below) **will be dismissed**. Basic knowledge of dance techniques is a prerequisite for admittance into the NWSA Dance Department. Dancers should be prepared to complete movement combinations in the following genres:

- Ballet
- Modern

Ladies' Attire:

- Black fitted active wear (i.e. Yoga pants or jazz pants)

Gentlemen's Attire:

- White Fitted Shirt
- Black Fitted Jazz Pants, Athletic Shorts, or Black Tights

Audition Part One:

The student must create an original one (1) minute movement piece set to instrumental music to be performed for the Dance Faculty. The student-created dance should include, but is not limited to:

- Locomotor and non-locomotor movements**
- Pathways (curved, zigzag, diagonal)**
- Shapes (high, medium, low)**
- Movements on different levels**

The one minute performance should be age-appropriate and should not include inappropriate body movements. The routine should be created by the student, and should not be a combination of trending dance moves.

Music: The student may bring a smart phone, mp3 player or CD with recorded instrumental-only music. Please make sure the phone/player is charged. Test the music at home, and make sure the student knows the password to the device and how to locate their music file, as parents are not permitted in the audition area. The music file needs to be downloaded if you are using an electronic device, as access is blocked to some websites at our school.

Audition Part Two:

The second portion of the audition is a dance technique assessment that will include combinations in Ballet and Modern Dance. This assessment will include basic skills in these dance forms. In the assessment, students will be participating in *Ballet Barre* exercises. Students should be familiar with the positions of the feet (1st position, 2nd position, etc...) They will be asked to perform technical movements such as tendus in all directions, demi and grand plies, and arm positions. In Modern Dance, they will be asked to perform movements and techniques that are stationary in the center of the floor and that travel throughout the dance space. The student will also be assessed on flexibility, aptitude for learning combinations, following instructions, professionalism, and taking corrections.

NOTE: Street clothes or shoes are unacceptable attire and will be grounds for dismissal from your audition.

If accepted into NWSA dance, the dancer will be using the proper dance attire items 2 or 3 times a week in their dance classes.