

Fine Arts Dance

Westside High School

Audition Application

The Fine Arts Dance Program at Westside High School will be holding auditions for students who are interested in participating in the upper level dance classes during 2009-2010.

Westside Dance offers a range of dance opportunities for students with an interest in dance training, performance, choreography and production.

Audition Procedures

Dates:

- **April 28, 2009** – Instruction day for all applicants with dance backgrounds in ballet, modern dance & jazz. Held at Westside in the Auditorium, 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Dance attire is required. Dancers will be taught 2 combinations that best showcase the skills required for Intermediate, Intermediate/Advanced, Advanced & Inertia Dance Company. Students do not need to prepare a solo.
- **April 29, 2009** – Instruction day for all applicants with interest and skills in break dance, street dance & urban dance forms. Held at Westside in the Dance Studio, X121, 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Appropriate attire is required. Dancers will be taught 1 combination that best showcases the required skills for Advanced Break & Inertia Dance Company. Students will all need to have 2 freestyle sets for the audition. Coaching will be offered during this time period on the freestyle sets, if needed.
- **April 30, 2009** – Audition Day. Dancers will present by number to a panel of judges on this day, in the Westside Auditorium. Schedule is as follows:
 - **4:00 – 4:30:** Registration and final practices
 - **4:30 – 6:00:** All students currently enrolled in Westside.
 - **6:00 – 8:00:** All incoming freshmen, transfer students, or students newly zoned to Westside.
 - Applicants will be grouped by number, and dance genre.
 - All Audition packets are due at the time of check in.
 - Attire:
 - Modern & Jazz combos:* Girls should wear leotards and either jazz pants or tights, bare feet or dance paws. Boys should wear a t-shirt and gym pants, bare feet or dance paws.

Break & hip hop combos: Dancers should wear t-shirts, gym pants and tennis shoes. Knee pads, elbow pads, caps & beanies are fine.

All applicants will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Potential
- Physique and body alignment
- Coordination and flexibility
- Rhythm and timing
- Ability to reproduce movement combinations

This audition process will place students in the following classes for the 2009 – 2010 school year. This will be the only audition held in the spring. And could possibly be the only audition offered. All students are invited to participate, even if you are awaiting a transfer approval.

Please note that placement in a dance class will not gain you admission into Westside High School. The audition is only for placement in the appropriate level of dance.

What you need to bring on judging day:

- A completed application, with a parent signature and small picture attached.
- A stamped, self addressed envelope.
- Appropriate attire.
- A report card, if you are not currently enrolled in dance with Ms Roberts or Mr. Leal.

The following classes will be cast through this audition:

- Intermediate Dance
- Intermediate/Advanced Dance
- Advanced Dance (Juniors & Seniors only)
- Inertia Dance Company

**All students enrolled in these classes can receive Fine Art, Physical Education or General Elective credit.*

Thank you for your interest in the Westside High School Dance Program. Please note that the try-outs are competitive, and placements are limited. The decision of the judging panel will be final.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact:
Sharon Roberts: srobert2@houstonisd.org (modern dance & jazz)
Rodrigo Leal: rleal2@houstonisd.org (break dance & hip Hop)

Application:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Current school _____

Age _____ **Current grade** _____

Please indicate which classes you are auditioning for. *Note: check all that apply, and please place a 1 by your first choice.

_____ Intermediate Dance

_____ Intermediate/Advanced Dance

_____ Advanced Dance (juniors & seniors only)

_____ Inertia Dance Company

_____ Advanced Break Dance

_____ Intermediate Hip Hop

Dance Experience & Background:

Goals for your personal dance experience:

If you are auditioning for Inertia Dance Company, what qualities will you bring to the group:

Do you interest in any of the following areas:

Choreography Music Visual Art
 Costuming Production Work Photography
 Video Technology Fund Raising

What additional information about yourself would you like to share?