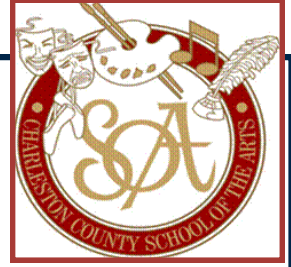


Choice Application for the 2025-2026 School Year

6th-11th Grade Dance Audition Requirements

Students must be passing all academic subjects to apply to SOA



Dance—Audition

Level 1 Audition - In Person at the School of the Arts

The first part of the dance audition for 6th – 11th grade (no 12th grade) will be an in person dance audition.

This will consist of ballet, modern, and improvisation.

Students will be asked to demonstrate a variety of dance combinations at barre, center, and across the floor.

- ◆ We look closely at how well the body is aligned, how well the body coordination is, is the dancer giving full energy, is the focus on the audition, and is the combination retained so it can be demonstrated correctly.

Students will be asked to demonstrate a variety of improvisation activities.

- ◆ We look closely at the range of creativity, confidence, musicality, and self-expression demonstrated within the improvisational activity. Students are led through a variety of stretches in which they demonstrate their flexibility.

11th grade additional audition requirements:

- ◆ The student who is going into the 11th grade will need to perform an additional choreography assignment. Students are expected to know how to work independently on a creative assignment, improvise alone and with another student to generate movement, use choreography tools, and articulate and critique their artistic choices.
- ◆ Assignment: Students will be given a theme or idea as their inspiration for creating movement. The student will have 30 min. to choreograph a 1 min. dance study. There will be no sound unless the student chooses to make his/her own sound. (Examples of themes and ideas: a board game, a word, a poem.)
- ◆ This will take place during the Level 1 in person audition.

Level 2 Callback Auditions—6th Grade Students Only

Once the in person auditions are scored, callbacks will be made for **6th grade students only**.

6th Grade Callback Audition (based on Level 1 results)

6th Grade students must be prepared to perform a 1 to 1-1/2 minute solo in a dance style of their choice. Solos will be scored based on technique, expression, energy, performance quality and musicality. The music for your solo must be downloaded to your phone or a flash drive. You will not be able to use YouTube, Spotify or Apple Music, while on campus. The reception for internet in the dance studios won't allow you to pull up these music sites.

7th - 12th grade students - No Callbacks

These students will be evaluated during the initial in person audition and decisions will be made base on this part. Due to the lower number of applicants, the teachers are able to assess their skill level in the group setting.