

AUDITION Preparation

Elevé Dance Academy

WHAT TO WEAR

- Girls – Leotard, leggings/jazz pants, ballet & jazz shoes, hair pulled back out of your face, **NO jewelry** and **NO gum**
 - If you do not own dance clothing please wear school appropriate clothing that stretches but is not overly baggy and the most flexible pair of shoes you have
- Boys – T-shirt (not baggy/oversized), athletic shorts or pants, jazz shoes and **NO gum**
 - If you do not own dance/jazz shoes please wear the most flexible shoes you have

WHAT IF'S

- What if I forget the dance during the audition?
 - Keep going! It is better to keep moving and catch up with the choreography in a couple of counts than to stand still and/or give up
- What if I can't do the choreography?
 - Do the best you can! Even if you don't have the movement 100% perfect, go for it 😊

DANCE AUDITIONS!!!

Judges will be scoring 4 things:

1. Memory

Ability to remember choreography from the pre-teach day and accurately perform all movements. The judges will be looking for dancers who can perform each movement to the correct counts in the music and do so with confidence! (not looking at others for what comes next)

2. Technique

Demonstrating proper jazz and hip hop technique throughout the performance. Technical elements the judges will be looking for are:

- Creativity - during the free-style sections
- Timing
- Articulation (hand, arm, head, feet)
- Posture/Alignment

3. Performance

Personality and “show quality” throughout! They will be giving the highest scores to dancers that really PERFORM, not just go through the motions. They are looking for smiles and FUN during all sections of the choreography!

- Emotion
- Energy
- Projection/Style
- Audience Appeal

4. Effort

Never give up! Exhibiting to the judges you are willing to keep going with a even if mistakes are made in other areas of the audition