

Dance Audition Tips

1. Be rested so that you can be your best.
2. Make nutritious food choices. Eat a light meal or snack at least an hour before the audition.
3. Dress appropriately and neatly in something that flatters and that you can move in well. Unless it is required that you dress a certain way, it is alright to choose a look that shows your personality or helps you stand out. Wear footwear for dancing. If you have long hair or hair that hangs in your face, tie it back, so your face is open. Directors want to see your face!
4. Learn what you can about the school, company, team, ballet, or performance for which you are auditioning. Know exactly what you will be expected to bring, complete, or have with you at the audition. Be prepared even with items you MIGHT need, like extra hair bands, knee pads, dance shoes, water bottle, etc.
5. Arrive with plenty of time to warm up your body in advance.. You'll also have time to get familiar with the environment.
6. Be gracious from start to finish (even if the outcome is not what you had hoped). Treat your fellow dancers and audition panel with the utmost respect. Courteously ask questions and take corrections from the directors/choreographer.
7. Learn the dance or "combination" Focus, pay attention, listen, look, learn. The combination will be in the style of the show, and the choreographer will be looking for how well you would fit in the show. Directors will be looking to see if you can follow directions.
8. Stand where you can see and be seen without muscling your way to the front. If you are struggling or don't know the choreography, stand further back until you do so that you can wow them once you've got it.
9. Perform it, "sell it." DANCE IT with expression, enthusiasm, and energy. This is the point to show what you really have. Let the "you" shine through! If you make a mistake, pick it up and keep going. "The show must go on!" And you have to do exactly that.
10. After you have danced, stay in place until a team member says "thank you." You may be out of breath, control it. Keep your stance, look strong, don't collapse on the floor, no matter how tired you are. Look positive and open.