



Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington, DC

Audition Guidelines

Attire: Females - a black leotard and pink tights and flat shoes with ribbons (no pointe shoes for Audition Tour)
Males - a white t-shirt and black tights

1. **AUDITION TOUR:** In January and February, the dates and locations can be found on the Academy's website, www.kirovacademydc.org.
2. **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be at least 9 years old on their audition date and no older than 21 years old on August 4th, 2019.
3. **DVD/Video/YouTube Upload:** Send a DVD/(video/upload to YouTube and send us the link), of barre and center, no longer than 10 minutes, with the student's head and feet showing at all times. The camera must be centered and perpendicular to the barre. The taping should include 10 minutes of barre and center. Barre exercises should include: plié, battements tendus, jeté, fondu, frappé, adagio, ronds de jambe par terre, ronds de jambe en l'air, and grands battement. Center exercises should include: tendu, adagio, pirouettes, jumps in three sizes, and fouettés (turns).
4. **IN CLASS AUDITION:** Arrange an appointment with Admissions for a technique class at the Academy. Call (202) 636-0652 for details. These are scheduled on a limited basis and only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the Academy's year round ballet class times.
5. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** To complete your application, please email admin@kabdc.org the following three 5" by 7" photos (please wear soft ballet shoes):
 - Head shot (hair in a bun for girls)
 - First arabesque
 - Tendu in à la seconde (ages 10-11 only) or développé in à la seconde (ages 12-19 only)

Females, please wear a black leotard with spaghetti straps and pink tights. Males, please wear a white T-shirt and black/grey tights with white socks. Ballet shoes only (no pointe shoes; white preferred for males).



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We apologize for any inconvenience, but specific information about a dancer's evaluation will not be released. Kirov Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, or national/ethnic origin. The school is authorized under Federal Law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

Summer Sessions - Invitation Process

A letter indicating the student's audition results (acceptance, wait-list, or non-acceptance), will be emailed within one week of the audition. Accepted students will receive an invitation letter along with an Enrollment Agreement outlining the fees and deadlines. Wait-listed candidates will be informed in March if their status changes. Information as to the likelihood of acceptance cannot be released. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis; however, priority is given to scholarship students and resident students.

Some students are identified for year-round acceptance based on their summer program audition. Students in this category will be notified of their year round invitation in March. Students who are accepted early are rarely considered for scholarship to the year round program. Scholarship consideration for the year round program is only given to those students who attend a summer program or make an appointment for a private, on-site audition class.

All students who attend KAB's Summer Sessions are evaluated for acceptance into the year-round program. Some students may be placed on a waiting list. It is also perfectly acceptable for students to attend the Summer Intensive program only for the experience and enjoyment of being a part of Kirov Academy's dance program for five weeks. Those wishing to be invited to the year-round program are encouraged to attend the summer program.

Year-Round Program

KAB's year-round program is designed for grades 6 through 12. Students wishing to be invited to the year-round program are typically evaluated during KAB's Summer Intensive Program. Students chosen to attend the Academy's year-round program are offered four programs of study:

- Full Residential Program
- Commuter in Academics
- Ballet Only Commuter
- High School Graduate Pre-Professional Program



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- 1. Full Residential Program:** Students in academic grades 6 - 12 who board at the Academy, combining their academic studies with a dance curriculum that focuses on the pursuit of a classical dance career. 18-year-olds may be permitted to reside at the Academy provided they are still undertaking their senior year of high school and have been granted permission from the Admissions Department.
- 2. Commuter with Academics Program:** Non-residential students who participate in both the academic and artistic courses at the Academy as commuters.
- 3. Ballet Only Commuter Program:** Students who participate in the artistic-only program and fulfill their academic studies outside of the Academy.
- 4. Pre-Professional Program:** High school graduates from 18-21 years of age who wish to continue their study of classical ballet. This program is designed to attract students wanting to refine all their previous artistic studies in anticipation of entering the professional ballet world either as a dancer or a teacher.

Scholarship Policy and Information

The Academy offers a limited number of financial awards for students who meet the artistic criteria of the Academy. Artistic scholarships are not awarded by application; they are granted at the sole discretion of Kirov Academy's Artistic Department, and are independent of student/parent requests. Students receiving scholarship awards are expected to make early decisions about attendance. Financial awards are reviewed at the end of each semester during the year-round program to confirm continuation into the following semester. Financial awards may offset, fully or partially, artistic tuition, academic tuition, and room & board. Costs referred to as fees on the enrollment form are required of all students and are not offset by scholarship monies. Some scholarship money may be taxable. You may wish to consult your tax advisor.

Award recipients must show continued progress in all disciplines, have exemplary attendance, and demonstrate respect for and observance of academy rules and policies. Financial awards may be reduced or withdrawn at any time if a student disregards or is found in violation of any of the above standards. In particular, unexcused absences from any classes and any violation of the code of conduct may be cause for reduction or withdrawal of financial awards.