

ALL CITY PROGRAMS

2025-2026

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All City Dance

Overview: What is it and who should apply?

The All City Dance Ensemble is an exciting opportunity that includes students with a diverse range of dance proficiencies, from schools across Philadelphia. Students audition for the opportunity to perform and learn from a remarkably talented team of teachers, educators, and choreographers. The All City Dance Ensemble is proud to appoint the Philadelphia Ballet as the official Artistic Partner for this program.

The audition is held once each year, and includes a formal ballet and modern dance class in addition to learning and performing choreography for the Audition Panel.

Audition Information & Dates:

2024/25 information coming soon

Final Performance(s) Information:

2024/25 information coming soon

Rehearsal Dates & Locations (including any special rehearsals):

2024/25 information coming soon

All City High School Music

Overview:

The All City Music Programs include students with a diverse range of musical talent, from schools across Philadelphia. Students audition for the opportunity to perform and learn from a remarkably talented team of musical specialists.

The High School music programs include:

- Choir
- Concert band
- Orchestra (If you play a string instrument, audition for orchestra)

Who Should Apply?

District students with several years' experience in vocals, wind, brass, string, or percussion instruments. Note: instrumental and vocal students who have participated in the All City Middle School Festivals are naturally aligned to audition and perform at the High School All City level.

- If you sing, audition for choir
- If you play a string instrument, audition for orchestra
- If you play a wind or percussion instrument, just audition. We'll tell you where you go!

Performance

Regardless of which of these you fall into, you will perform at the Festival, which is a one day culmination and presentation of the skills learned over the year. All program participants are required to perform at the Festival, which is held at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

Audition Information & Dates:

Band, Orchestra, and Choir audition requirements are based on a passage of the selected repertoire as well as major and harmonic minor scales, as well as sight reading. Contact your school music teacher(s) for selected repertoire.

Band/Orchestra Auditions:

Philadelphia High School for Girls
8:30am - 3:00pm
Monday, November 24, 2025

Choir Auditions:

Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Friday, October 10, 2025

Final Performance(s) Information:

Dress Rehearsal

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
8:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

All City High School Music Festival

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
7:00pm
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Rehearsal Dates & Locations (including any special rehearsals):

2024-25 All City HS Concert Band & Orchestra Rehearsal Dates & Locations				
<i>*This is last year's document and will be updated as the year progresses.*</i>				
Date	Event	Time	Location	Notes
Fri., Oct. 25	Auditions	8:30am-3:00pm	Girls HS	
Sat, Nov 23	Orch. Shared Reading w PYO	9:00am-12:00pm	Gould Hall	Orchestra Only
Sun., Dec. 15	Concerto Competition	9:00am-12:00pm	Curtis Inst.	Field Hall
Sat., Feb. 8	Curtis Retreat	9:00am-3:00pm	Curtis Inst	Orchestra Only
Tues., Feb. 18	Orchestra Reading	1:00pm-4:00pm	Girls HS	Orchestra Only
Fri., Feb. 14	All-City Band Day at Temple	9:00am-3:00pm	Girls HS	Band Only
Fri., Mar. 7	Band/Orchestra Rehearsal	9:00am-3:00pm	Girls HS	Everyone
Sat., Mar. 8	Band/Orchestra Rehearsal	9:00am-3:00pm	Girls HS	Everyone
Mon., Mar. 10	Combined Reh. & Dress Reh.	8:00am-2:00pm	Kimmel Center	Everyone
Mon., Mar. 10	All City HS Music Festival	7:00pm	Kimmel Center	Everyone

2024-25 All City HS Choir Rehearsal Dates & Locations			
<i>*This is last year's document and will be updated as the year progresses.*</i>			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Fri., Nov. 15	Auditions	2:00pm-4:00pm	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Tues., Jan. 21	Choir Rehearsal 1	10:00am-1:00pm	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Mon., Feb. 4	Choir Rehearsal 2	10:00am-1:00pm	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Tues., Feb 18	Choir Rehearsal 3	10:00am-1:00pm	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Tues., Mar. 4	Choir Rehearsal 4	10:00am-1:00pm	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Tues., Mar. 10	Combined & Dress Rehearsal	TBD	Kimmel Center
Mon., Mar. 10	All City HS Music Festival	7:00pm	Kimmel Center

All City Middle School Band & Orchestra

Overview: What is it and who should apply?

The All City Music Programs include students with a diverse range of musical talent, from schools across Philadelphia. Students audition for the opportunity to perform and learn from a remarkably talented team of musical specialists. Following six rehearsals, the middle school students perform in a festival concert featuring Concert Band, String Orchestra, and Jazz Band.

Audition Information & Dates:

Students must participate in their individual school's instrumental music program to audition for All City Middle. **Students must participate in their individual school's instrumental music program in order to audition for All City. Additionally, students may be recommended by their school instrumental music teacher and must perform at the District's Level Two Benchmarks for Instrumental Music Education.** Copies of solos and scales required for the audition are available from the student's instrumental music teacher.

Final Performance(s) Information:

Dress Rehearsal

Marian Anderson Hall — Kimmel Center
TBD

ACMS Band & Orchestra Festival

Marian Anderson Hall — Kimmel Center
TBD

Rehearsal Dates & Locations (including any special rehearsals):

2025/26 information coming fall '25!

All City Middle & Elementary School Choir

Overview: What is it and who should apply?

The All City Elementary and Middle School Choral Festival will be held on **TBD** at the Temple Performing Arts Center. This festival celebrates choral music across the district. Participating schools bring select students from their school ensembles to join a greater combined choir. **There is no application or audition.** Students are selected for participation by their school music teacher.

Audition Information & Dates:

There is no application or audition. Students are selected for participation by their school music teacher.

Final Performance(s) Information:

Dress Rehearsal

Temple Performing Arts Center
TBD

AC Elem. & MS Choral Festival

Temple Performing Arts Center
TBD

Rehearsal Dates & Locations:

2024-25 All City Middle & Elementary School Choir Rehearsal Dates & Locations			
<i>*This is last year's document and will be updated as the year progresses.*</i>			
Date	Event	Time	Location
Tues., Oct. 15	Choir Rehearsal 1	10:00am	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Wed., Oct. 30	Choir Rehearsal 2	10:00am	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Thur., Nov. 14	Choir Rehearsal 3	10:00am	Philadelphia Boys & Girls Choir
Mon., Nov. 25	Dress Rehearsal 4	10:00am	Temple Performing Arts Center
Tues., Nov. 26	All City Middle & Elementary School Choral Festival	7:00pm	Temple Performing Arts Center

All City Jazz

Overview: What is it and who should apply?

The All Philadelphia Jazz Orchestra is comprised of students from high schools throughout Philadelphia that are selected by committee through a recorded audition. Any high school student already in their school jazz band or with an interest in jazz should apply for the All Philadelphia Jazz Orchestra.

Audition Information & Dates:

To apply for the All Philadelphia Jazz Orchestra, students must submit a recorded audition. *Audition Requirements will be posted in the fall '25.* Students are selected for the Jazz Orchestra by committee. Audition recordings are due **date TBD**.

Rehearsal Dates & Locations (including any special rehearsals):

2025/26 information coming fall '25!

Final Performance(s) Information:

2025/26 information coming fall '25!

All City Drumline

Overview: What is it and who should apply?

2025/26 information coming fall '25!

Audition Information & Dates:

2025/26 information coming fall '25!

Rehearsal Dates & Locations (including any special rehearsals):

2025/26 information coming fall '25!

Final Performance(s) Information:

2025/26 information coming fall '25!