



There are only 2 schools that have dance educators through the Hamilton County School District. The Pop-up Project Youth Outreach Program helps fill the gap, by serving students in public schools: East Side Elementary, Normal Park Museum Magnet and through our community partnership with Northside Neighborhood House: Red Bank Middle School, Red Bank High School, and Hixson High School. We also collaborate with The City of Chattanooga (Shepherd Community Center, Eastdale Community Center, Avondale Library/Community Center), Young Ladies of Power, and Girls Inc. We are currently serving over 400 children every week and year-round with dance classes. We provide FREE dance classes and an enriching arts experience to low income families in Chattanooga's under-served communities which represent 50% of the students we serve. Our comprehensive program includes year-round dance classes (Sept-May) in ballet, hip hop, modern, jazz, and creative dance; a month-long summer dance program and a one-week long intensive SummerDance 2024; and field trips to milestone cultural events. Our curriculum meets the comprehensive Tennessee Academic Standards for Fine Arts for Grades K-12. Our program improves the learning capacity for educationally marginalized populations using culturally responsive pedagogy and experience. This builds resilience in students and focuses on emotional, cognitive, and perceptual learning. Half of the children served through our programs are LMI and receive free or reduced lunches. Participants at locations where 45% or more of families are LMI, receive our programs FREE of charge. Below is a breakdown of the demographics of the students at each location we serve:

East Side Elementary (FREE program):

67% Hispanic
31% Black
99% LMI

-24% Black
-18% Hispanic
-86% LMI

Red Bank Middle (FREE program through Northside Neighborhood House):

-51% White
-22% Black
-19% Hispanic
-80% LMI

Hixson High School (FREE program through Northside Neighborhood House):

-54% White
-21% Black
-13% Hispanic
-45% LMI

Red Bank High (FREE program through Northside Neighborhood House):

-52% White

Shepherd Community Center (FREE Program)

-99% Black
-2% Other

-100% LMI

Eastdale Community Center (FREE Program):

-98% Black

-2% White

-100% LMI

Normal Park Museum Magnet School (Parent and School Paid Program):

-75% White

-12% Black

-22% LMI