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Ailey Dance Camp Coming to Newark

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AileyCamp, a full-scholarship summer day camp with classes in dance technique for urban students, will come to Newark this summer. The announcement was made by officials at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the Newark public schools and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The six-week program will be held at the Newark Arts High School, from July 5 to Aug. 12 for 100 middle-school students ages 11-14 from Newark schools.

On Aug. 10, the students will perform an original work showcasing their skills at the arts center's Victoria Theater. The camp's classes, which include ballet, modern dance, West African dance and discussions on nutrition and conflict resolution, will be led by Ailey teaching artists with backgrounds in dance and education. The camp in Newark is supported by the Prudential Foundation. It joins nine other Ailey camps that will serve about 1,000 students in cities across the country this summer, including Atlanta, Chicago, Miami and Berkeley, Calif.