

A camp founded by Alvin Ailey teaches kids dance — and life skills

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Newark is one of nine cities where AileyCamp is being held. Instead of going swimming or playing sports at a typical summer camp, some kids in Newark are spending their weeks out of school a little differently. They're learning various forms of dance and creative skills at AileyCamp, a six-week program that was started by the legendary dancer Alvin Ailey just before his passing in 1989.

Newark is one of nine cities in the country where the camp is taking place. It's the first time the camp is operating fully in person since the start of the pandemic. As well as immersing in dance, students also work on personal development. They'll get a chance to show off what they've learned during their final performance on Aug. 10 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.