



DRESS CODE AND SHOE SPECIFICS

DRESS CODE:

I do not enforce a strict dress code at the studio, however, there are a few guidelines that I request dancers follow:

- No jeans or baggy sweatpants or sweatshirts
- No jackets – During the winter months please take into consideration other clothing options for class. The studio tends to be a little cooler in the winter, so have your dancer plan accordingly. I recommend having them layer their outfits for class. That way, as they get warm, they are able to take layers off.
- Leotards, tights, skirts, leggings, joggers, shorts, spandex, tank tops, t-shirts, cardigans and long sleeves are all acceptable clothing options
- Dancers should wear form appealing clothing – This allows me to see the dancer's lines and make sure they are applying and demonstrating the correct technique to each move
- Hair should ALWAYS be worn up and out of face for class

SHOES:

The shoes needed for each class are as follows. You can choose to purchase whatever brand/style you would like, however, you MUST stick to the correct color. If you would like recommendations on brands/styles, feel free to contact me.

- **Ballet:**
 - o Girls – Pink ballet shoes (either leather or canvas)
 - As dancers get into the 7th-12th grade ballet classes, I will start to slowly transition them into more of a nude/tan ballet shoe rather than a pink one
 - o Boys – Black ballet shoes (either leather or canvas)
- **Tap:** Black tap shoes (both boys and girls) (either slip-on, lace-up, ribbons or velcro)
- **Jazz:**
 - o 6th Grade and Under – Black jazz shoes (either slip-on or lace-up)
 - o Intermediate Jazz (7th- 12th Grade) – Nude/Tan turners (either leather or canvas) (can be the same as those worn for Beginning & Intermediate Modern)
 - o Advanced Jazz (7th- 12th Grade) – Nude/Tan turners (either leather or canvas) (can be the same as those worn for Advanced Modern & Competition)
- **Jr. High Kick:** Black jazz shoes (can be the same as those worn for jazz) (either slip-on or lace-up)
- **Modern & Competition:**
 - o Beginning & Intermediate Modern – Nude/Tan turners (either leather or canvas) (can be the same as those worn for Intermediate Jazz)
 - o Advanced Modern & Competition – Nude/Tan turners (either leather or canvas) (can be the same as those worn for Advanced Jazz)

SHOE PURCHASING LOCATIONS:

Shoes can be ordered directly from the studio, purchased locally or purchased online.

- **Studio:**
 - o **In Stock Inventory:** I carry very little inventory on hand at the studio, however, if we find a pair that works for your dancer on our shelves, they are able to take their shoes home that day as long as they are paid for.
 - o **Bulk Order:** I do have shoe sizing sets also available for anyone whose shoe size I do not carry on-hand. If I need to order shoes for your dancer, I will have them try on the shoes in the sizing set and find the exact size that I need to order for them. If you choose this option, I will size dancers the first few weeks of class and a bulk order will be placed. ****If you would like me to size your dancer for shoes, please write their name on the sizing sheet located on the studio bulletin board.**** Keep in mind that this means your dancer will not have shoes to dance in for the first few weeks of class. This is fine, as I will know they have shoes ordered. They can choose to either dance in socks or barefoot in the meantime. I will invoice you for the shoes ordered once your dancer has been sized. Payment will be due at the time of their shoes being ordered and must be received before your dancer will get to take their shoes home. If it is later on in the season and your dancer has lost, outgrown or just simply needs a new pair of shoes, please contact me and I will size them during the next class.
 - o **Donated Shoes:** I have used shoes available (select sizes only) that past dancers have donated to the studio that are also an option for your dancer to use for the season. These shoes are free of charge. The only thing I ask is that dancers either donate a pair in place of the pair they take, or they return the shoes back to me at the end of the season. If you have old dance shoes you would like to donate to the studio, please have your dancer bring them the first week of classes.
- **Local:** Our local Target and Walmart offer select sizing for ballet and tap shoes, however, I recommend having your dancer try on the shoes before purchasing. These stores typically only offer styles in kids sizes. Most styles of dance shoes tend to run very differently than your typical street shoe size.
- **Online:** When purchasing online, make sure to pay VERY close attention to the sizing charts. Each brand tends to run very differently than your typical street shoe. Sizing varies widely between different brands as well as the different styles within each brand. I would recommend the following websites when ordering/purchasing shoes: Discount Dance (www.discountdance.com) or Dancewear Solutions (www.dancewearsolutions.com)



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