

Dress Code Chart

2017-18 Season

Quick Overview: Students in our Tiny and Rising Star programs are required to wear a pink leotard (and pink or tan tights); students in all other programs will be required to wear black leotard (and typically pink or tan tights). There is an alternate dress code for our Adult classes, our Intermediate Teen Jazz and Lyrical classes, our Hip Hop Classes, and for our Saturday Performing Group Rehearsals (these specific classes can wear slightly different attire - see chart below). Boys should talk to the studio about attire.

NOT permitted in classes (unless specifically noted):

Tank tops, t-shirts; anything flowy, loose, or baggy; gym shorts; street clothes; sports bras worn as outerwear; sheer or see-through tops that do not cover the front.

Notes:

- Students who are just trying classes should call the studio before purchasing dance clothes. We will tell you what you may wear until you have decided on a class.
- If you have dance shoes of a different color or style that still fit, please talk to the studio before buying new shoes.
- If you have a question about attire you have purchased, do not remove the tags and bring the item with you (not on you) to the studio to be approved.
- Supportive undergarments are important. Please either obtain an athletic sports bra that blends in with your leotard or purchase a leotard that will completely cover a regular bra.
- If students are cold, they may either wear garments under their leotards (turtlenecks, long or short sleeve fitted t-shirts etc.), or they may wear a tight-fitting dance sweater (note: this is a tight-fitting sweater specifically designed for dance - sold at dancing supply outlets).
- Students at or below our Child 5 level may obtain ballet and tap shoes from Payless Shoes. All other students should consider purchasing a higher quality of dance shoes from the Brandywine Dance Shoppe (302) 478-4403. The prices at either store are similar

Dance with Me

Dance, Music, Creative Games

Hair: Long hair in bun, ponytail, or braid; short hair secured off the face.

Attire: Play clothes.

Tiny Star, Rising Star 1 & 2 Ballet/Tap

Hair: Long hair in bun, ponytail, or braid; short hair secured off the face.

Shoes: Black tap shoes. Pink ballet shoes.

Leotard/Tights: Pink Leotard. Tights (Pink or tan). Rising Star 1 and 2 students participating in the May Recital will need to obtain Bloch Pink tights.

Optional: Ballet skirt (separate or attached), form-fitting wrap around dance sweater.

Child 1 through Child 5 Ballet/Tap/Jazz

Hair: Long hair in bun, ponytail, or braid; short hair secured off the face.

Shoes:

- Ballet Students: Pink ballet shoes.
- Tap Students: Black tap shoes (Mary Janes or Patent Leather).
*Note for Child 5 Tap: students at this level have often asked if they may obtain Black Oxford Tap shoes. Oxfords are a much higher quality tap shoe. They sound better, are easier to work with, and they are more expensive. We typically do not require Oxfords until students enter our intermediate levels. If level 5 students wish to obtain Oxfords, they may do so: however, it is not required.
- Jazz: Students should obtain either Bloch S0495L Tan or Capezio EJ2 Caramel slip on jazz shoes. If still students still own SoDanca JZ45 caramel jazz shoes (our old recommendation), they may still wear them.

Leotard/Tights: Black Leotard. Pink or Tan Tights, or Bare legs and Socks.

* Note: We typically recommend that students wear tights (they will need to wear them eventually if they are performing); however, we understand that young children often will not wear them. Bloch Pink and/or Bloch Light Tan tights will be required for our optional Holiday Show and Spring Recital. Students will be notified in advance as to what is needed.

Optional: Black Ballet skirt (separate or attached), black form-fitting dance sweater, black spandex dance shorts. black tight fitted leggings.

Tumbling/Acro

Hair: Double buns, pigtales, low ponytail, or low braid. (High ponies and single buns interfere with forward rolls.)

Shoes: Tumbling and Acro are done in bare feet.

Leotard: Black leotard and black spandex dance shorts. Often children's leotards come with attached chiffon skirts (which a child might have if they are taking dance classes in addition to Tumbling) – these skirts can simply be tucked in to the dance shorts.)

Tights: Students may wear pink or tan footless or convertible tights (so their feet are bare) or they may wear their form fitting black dance shorts and no tights. - *Note - Bloch Light Tan footless tights are required for Tumbling students participating in the Spring Recital (Acro students do not have a Recital Dance.)

Teen Intermediate Jazz and Lyrical

The Teen Intermediate level is for dancers who are interested in the more recreational side of dance and much like our adult levels, we have a slightly looser dress code. Students may wear whatever dance or athletic wear that makes them feel comfortable. For Students wishing to pursue dance at higher levels, it is important that the teachers are able to clearly see and correct the alignment and placement of the body; therefore, students moving outside of the Teen Intermediate level are required to wear a leotard and follow our specific dress code.

Hair: Long hair in bun, ponytail, or braid; short hair secured off the face.

Shoes: Students should obtain either Bloch S0495L Tan or Capezio EJ2 Caramel slip on jazz shoes. If still students still own SoDanca JZ45 caramel jazz shoes (our old recommendation), they may still wear them.

Ballet and Tap Intermediate Levels and above, Lyrical, Contemporary Modern, Acro

Leotard: All Students need a black leotard. Ballet skirt (no longer than mid-thigh) is optional.

Tights: All Ballet Students must wear either pink or tan tights to class (they may wear a black ballet skirt or black spandex dance shorts (over their tights). All other students may wear pink or tan tights (or black spandex dance shorts with or without tights). Modern and Acro students need to have bare feet. Note: Bloch tights (Pink, Light Tan, or Salmon will be required for our Spring Recital and our Holiday Show. You will be notified in advance as to what is needed for performances). Students may wear black spandex dance shorts over their tights.

Hair: Ballet students need to wear a bun (students in our Intermediate A-C levels will be taught how to do a bun in class in September.) All other classes may wear their hair either in a bun or ponytail; short hair must be secured off the face. Special note for Acro students: Acro students need to wear their hair in a low pony, pigtails, or double buns (a single bun or high pony interferes with forward rolls).

Shoes:

- Ballet: Pink split sole ballet shoes.
- Tap: Black Tap Oxfords
- Jazz: Students should obtain either Bloch S0495L Tan or Capezio EJ2 Caramel slip on jazz shoes. If still students still own SoDanca JZ45 caramel jazz shoes (our old recommendation), they may still wear them.
- Modern – Bare Feet
- Acro – Bare Feet

Optional: Black Ballet skirt, black form-fitting dance sweater, black spandex dance shorts. Black tight fitted leggings may be worn for Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, and Acro, but not for ballet.

Hip Hop

Hip Hop has a very loose Dress Code

Hair: Long hair in bun, ponytail, or braid; short hair secured off the face.

Shoes: Sneakers or jazz shoes. (You will need ALL black shoes for the recital.)

Dancewear: Dance shorts, dance pants, yoga pants, leggings, sweatpants, gym shorts, harem pants. Sweatshirts, baggy shirts. camisole or tank tops (that completely cover the torso). Important: If taking another dance class before or after Hip Hop you must wear a leotard and the appropriate dancewear to these classes.

Not Permitted in Hip Hop:

- Bra/Crop Tops
- Bare midriffs
- Street Clothes
- Jeans
- Sheer, or see-through tops that do not cover the front
- Anything sexy
- Tops with large arm cut outs that reach below the bra-line

Adults Tap and Jazz:

Shoes: Tap: Black Oxford Tap flats (if you are interested in the optional spring recital). Jazz: Tan Slip on Jazz Shoes

Attire: Whatever makes you feel comfortable.

Hair: Secured off the face.

Performing Group/Company Classes/Weekend Rehearsals:

Weekday Performing Group Classes

Black Leotard, Tights or form-fitting Spandex Dance Shorts; and appropriate shoes for styles being taught; hair pulled back.

Saturday Rehearsals Only

We will allow students to wear whatever form-fitting full body covering dancewear (of any color) that students wish for our weekend Saturday Rehearsals only (If these items filter into our weekday classes, then black leotards and black spandex dance shorts with tights will be required for all classes including the Saturday Rehearsals).

Not Permitted:

Anything flowy, hugely loose, or hugely baggy (and not form fitting); street clothes; sports bras worn as outerwear; sheer, or see-through tops that do not cover the front; midriff outfits; baby doll tops

Possible Optional Ballet Performing

We are looking at the possibility of creating this group. We may need to require a specific ballet shoe so everyone matches. Please call us.