

Dress Code Chart

2016-17 Season

In direct response to our customers' requests, we are moving toward a more simplified dress code. Beginning next year, in our 2017-18 season, students in our Tiny and Rising Star programs (formerly our Kinderdance programs) will be required to wear a pink leotard; students in all other programs will be required to wear black. Recognizing that many students already own dancewear that still fits but may not be in line with this future dress code, our 2016-17 season will be a transition year in which students may still wear any color leotard. We recommend that any new dancewear purchases follow the dress code that will be implemented in the 2017-18 season.

For the current 2016-17 season, students are required to wear leotards and either tights or dance shorts to classes. Tank tops and t-shirts are not permitted. Leggings are permitted in certain classes. We have listed below both what we will be moving toward during our 2017-18 season and what we are doing this year for our 2016-17 season.

There is an alternate dress code for our Adult classes, Intermediate Teen Jazz and Lyrical classes on Wednesdays, Hip Hop Classes, and for our Saturday Performing Group Rehearsals (see chart below).

NOT permitted in classes this year:

- Any tank tops
- Any 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
- Sheer, or see-through bottoms
- Tops with large arm cut outs that reach below the bra-line
- Baby doll tops

Notes:

- Students at or below 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.
- 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.

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 (formerly our Pre-dance classes)

Ballet/Tap

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

Required: Black tap shoes. Pink ballet shoes. Leotard (any color, if buying new, we advise pink). Tights (Pink or tan).

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

Future 2017-18 Season: Pink leotard will be required.

Rising Star 1 & 2 (formerly our Kinderdance 1 and 2 classes)

Ballet/Tap

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

Required: Black tap shoes. Pink ballet shoes. Leotard (any color, if buying new, we advise pink). Tights (Pink or tan. *Bloch Pink tights are required for the Spring Recital.)

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

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Pink leotard will be required for Rising Star 1&2.

Note for Rising Star 2 Children moving to Child 1 in 2017-18: Child 1 students will be wearing a black leotard in 2017-18. If you are buying a new leotard at the end of 2016-17 that you wish to wear the following year, you may buy black.

Child 1 through Child 3

Ballet/Tap

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

Required: Pink ballet shoes. Black tap shoes. Leotard (any color, if buying new, we advise black). Tights. (Pink or tan. *Note: Bloch Pink and/or Bloch Light Tan tights will be required for our optional Holiday Show and Spring Recital. Participating students will be notified far in advance of what is needed.)

Optional: Ballet skirt (separate or attached), form-fitting dance sweater, and/or form-fitting dance shorts.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts and/or skirts must be black.)

Jazz/Hip Hop 2 and Jazz 3

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

Required: SoDanca JZ45 caramel color jazz shoes, or Bloch S0495L Tan Neo Flex jazz shoes. Leotard (any color, if buying new, we advise black). Tights. (Pink or tan. *Bloch Light Tan required for the Spring Recital.)

Optional: Form-fitting dance shorts, form-fitting dance sweater.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts must be black.)

Tumbling/Acro

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

Required: Leotard, worn with either dance shorts or tights (or a biketard if you have one that still fits). If you are buying new, we recommend a black leotard and black dance shorts). Access to bare feet.

Encouraged: Footless/convertible tights - so feet are bare - (Pink or tan). *Bloch Light Tan required for the Spring Recital.)

Optional: Form-fitting dance shorts.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard and dance shorts will be required. 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.

Child 4 through 5

Ballet/Tap

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

Required: Pink ballet shoes. Black tap shoes. Leotard (any color, if buying new we advise black). Tights. (Pink or tan. *Ballet: Bloch Pink required for the Spring Recital; *Tap: Bloch Light Tan required for Recital.)

Optional: Ballet skirt (separate or attached), form-fitting dance sweater, and/or form-fitting dance shorts.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts and or skirts must be black.

Jazz

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

Required: SoDanca JZ45 caramel color jazz shoes, or Bloch S0495L Tan Neo Flex jazz shoes.

Leotard (any color, if buying new we advise black). Tights (Pink or tan. *Bloch Light Tan required for the Spring Recital.)

Optional: Form-fitting dance shorts.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts must be black.

Teen Intermediate Jazz and Lyrical (Wednesdays)

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 (we allow fitted tank tops and fitted t-shirts). 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 only.

Jazz/Lyrical

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

Required: SoDanca JZ45 caramel color jazz shoes, or Bloch S0495L Tan Neo Flex jazz shoes.

Leotard (any color, if buying new we advise black). Either Jazz Shorts or Tights (Pink or tan. *Bloch Light Tan required for the Spring Recital.)

Optional: Fitted Tank Top or fitted T-Shirt, Form-fitting dance shorts and/or athletic leggings.

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional fitted dance shorts and/or athletic leggings must be black. Fitted Tank Top or fitted T-Shirt still permitted.

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

Ballet

Hair: Bun (Students in Intermediate A-C levels will be taught how to do a bun in class in September.)

Required: Leotard (any color, if buying new we advise black). Tights (Pink or tan). Pink leather or Bloch canvas ballet shoes.

Optional: Ballet skirt (no longer than mid-thigh), form-fitting dance shorts, tight fitting dance sweater (no hood).

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts and or skirts must be black.

Tap

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

Required: Tap Shoes (black oxfords). Leotard (any color, if buying new we advise black). Either Jazz Shorts or Tights (Pink or tan).

*Bloch Light Tan required for the Spring Recital.)

Optional: Form-fitting dance shorts or athletic leggings.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts or athletic leggings must be black.

Jazz and Lyrical

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

Required: SoDanca JZ45 Carmel color jazz shoes, or Bloch S0495L Tan Neo Flex jazz shoes.

Leotard (any color, if buying new we advise black). Either Jazz Shorts or Tights (Pink or tan. *Bloch Light Tan required for the Spring Recital.)

Optional: Form-fitting dance shorts or athletic leggings.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts or athletic leggings must be black.

Contemporary Modern

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

Required: Access to bare feet. Leotard (any color, if buying new we advise black). Either Jazz Shorts or Tights (Pink or tan. *Bloch Light Tan required for the Spring Recital.)

Optional: Form-fitting dance shorts or athletic leggings.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard will be required. Optional dance shorts or athletic leggings must be black.

Acro

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

Required: Access to bare feet. Leotard, worn with either dance shorts, tights, or athletic leggings. If you are buying new, we recommend buying black). Access to bare feet.

Encouraged: Footless/convertible tights (so feet are bare).

Optional: Form-fitting dance shorts or athletic leggings.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Future 2017-18 Season: Black leotard and dance shorts will be required.

Hip Hop

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

Required: Sneakers or jazz shoes. (You will need ALL black shoes for the recital.) Dancewear, from the optional list below.

Optional: 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 to these classes.

Boys: Talk to the studio about dress

Not Permitted in Hip Hop:

- Bra/Crop Tops
- Bare midriffs
- Street Clothes
- Jeans
- Sheer, or see-through tops that do not cover the front
- Sheer, or see-through bottoms
- Nothing sexy
- Tops with large arm cut outs that reach below the bra-line

Adults:

Adult Tap

Shoes: Black Tap flats if you are interested in the optional spring recital.

Attire: Whatever makes you feel comfortable.

Hair: Secure off the face.

Performing Group/Company Classes/Weekend Rehearsals:

Weekday Performing Group Classes

Leotard, Tights or form-fitting Dance Shorts and/or leggings (appropriate shoes for styles being taught), hair pulled back.

Saturday Rehearsals

We will allow students to wear warmups, tank tops, etc. for our weekend Saturday Rehearsals (If these items filter into our weekday classes, then leotards and form-fitting dance shorts or tights will be required for all classes including Saturday). Note: If we have Saturday or Sunday guest teachers, leotards, dance shorts or tights will be required for those classes.

Optional: for Saturday Rehearsals only: Tank Tops, T-Shirts, Sweats, and Gym Shorts.

Not Permitted:

- Anything flowy, hugely loose, or hugely baggy
- Street clothes
- Sports Bras worn as outerwear
- Sheer, or see-through tops that do not cover the front
- Sheer, or see-through bottoms
- Tops with large arm cut outs that reach below the bra-line
- Baby doll tops