

DRESS CODE – 2023-2024

The following is the required dress code for Dance Express dance classes. Please read carefully and make note of your class's dress code. With this dress code, we are continuing to promote an atmosphere of learning, discipline and professionalism. The standard dress code will enable our instructors to better see the student's body alignment and movement and also make the dancer feel the part of whatever style they are participating in. We do have a limited amount of dancewear available at the studio.

****Dancers who are not in the proper dance attire will not be allowed to take class -this will be strictly enforced****

1. **Check the list for shoe requirements for each class taken.**
2. **We order our shoes from specific companies.**
3. **If you are going to purchase on your own, please make sure that colors will match.**
4. **Shoe colors and styles DO change from year to year.**
5. **If you have any questions, please email the studio.**

⇒ Please check with us on our in-person shoe sizing dates available in August and September.

⇒ **Ensemble dancers** should see the studio for shoe & dress code as it can be different from the below requirements.

⇒ **MOST SHOES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT Nimbly Store link or directly through the studio.**

<https://www.shopnimbly.com/DanceExpress>

MINI-MOVERS, PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

(All shoes are available online or at the studio)

DANCEWEAR

- Black or pink leotard (Separate or attached ballet skirts may be worn).
- Pink, white or tan tights.

SHOES

- White split sole ballet shoes, white tap shoes (pre-school/kindergarten).
- **MINI-MOVERS only wear ballet shoes.**

Boys - Black sweatpants and white t-shirts, black ballet & tap shoes (pre-school/kindergarten).

PRIMARY 1 & 2 CLASSES

(All shoes ~other than HIP HOP~ are available online or at the studio)

DANCEWEAR

- Black or pink leotard (Separate or attached ballet skirts may be worn).
- **Dance pants or shorts allowed only in hip hop classes!!**
- Pink, tan, white or black tights.

SHOES

- White split sole ballet shoes, tan tap shoes.
- **Primary 1** - Wears white ballet slippers for jazz.
- **Primary 2** – Wears tan jazz boots for jazz.

Hip Hop – **Primary 2 ONLY** - Black hip hop sneakers.

These are not available online and will need to be purchased through the studio.

- If this is their first year of hip hop you may want to wait to purchase sneakers to make sure they stay in the class. They can wear jazz shoes or sneakers that have not been worn outside, for the first month or so.

Boys - Black sweatpants and white t-shirts, black ballet, jazz & tap shoes, black hip hop sneakers.

INTERMEDIATE & HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

(Jazz shoes are available online. All others must be purchased with the studio)

Ballet

DANCEWEAR

- Black or pink leotard with PINK TIGHTS ONLY (Ballet skirts may be worn).
- ABSOLUTELY NO DANCE SHORTS OR PANTS WORN IN CLASS (only ballet skirts).
- We would prefer no sports bras under leotards. If you do feel you need one, black color only.

SHOES

- Pink Capezio Hanami ballet shoe.

Jazz & Musical Theater

DANCEWEAR

- Black or pink leotards.
- Black, tight dance pants, leggings, capris or shorts may be worn. Tan tights.
- **NO BAGGY SWEATPANTS OR STRIPED JOGGING PANTS.**

SHOES

- Tan jazz boots.

Lyrical/Contemporary

DANCEWEAR

- Same attire as jazz. Tights are optional for this class.

SHOES

- ½ sole contemporary shoe.
These are not available online and will need to be purchased through the studio.

Tap

DANCEWEAR

- Same attire as jazz.

SHOES

- Black tie Capezio oxford tap shoes.
These are not available online and will need to be purchased through the studio.

Hip Hop (only)

DANCEWEAR

- Dancers will be allowed to wear loose fitting clothing (t-shirts, tanks, sweatpants) for Hip Hop classes

SHOES

- **Intermediate 1** - Black high-top sneaker.
- **Intermediate 2 & Teen/High School** – teacher/studio will choose based on dance.

HAIR

- ALL HAIR MUST BE PULLED BACK INTO A PONYTAIL OR BUN.
- Ballet classes 4th grade & up, a bun is **mandatory**.
- Please pull off of face if hair is shorter and can't get into a ponytail or bun.

NO JEWELRY OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE WORN IN CLASS!!