



DRESS CODE – 2024-2025

The following is the required Dress Code for Dance Express dance classes: **dancewear, tights and shoes**. 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 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.**
- ⇒ Limited sizes are available at the studio; otherwise, they are available to order online.

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

HAIR – For ALL Ages & Classes:

- ALL HAIR MUST BE PULLED BACK INTO A PONYTAIL OR BUN.
- Ballet classes Intermediate 1 & up (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!!

MINI-MOVERS, PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

(ages 2-6)

- DANCEWEAR**
- Black or Pink leotard (Separate or attached ballet skirts may be worn).
 - Pink, White or Tan tights.
- SHOES**
- **Pre-school/Kindergarten:** White split-sole ballet shoes & White tap shoes.
 - **MINI-MOVERS:** White split sole ballet shoes.
- These ARE available online and can also be purchased in the studio.
- Boys**
- Black sweatpants and White t-shirts, Black ballet & tap shoes (pre-school/kindergarten).

PRIMARY 1 & 2 CLASSES

(ages 7-9; typically, 1ST - 3rd grade)

- 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 stretch or pull-on jazz shoes, Tan buckle tap shoes.
 - **Hip Hop – Primary 2 ONLY** - Black hip-hop sneakers with white laces (purchased separately).
 - They are allowed to wear jazz shoes or sneakers that have not been worn outside, for the first month or so.
- These ARE available online and can also be purchased in the studio.
- Boys**
- Black sweatpants and White t-shirts, Black ballet & tap shoes (pre-school/kindergarten).

Ballet

DANCEWEAR

- Black leotard (Ballet skirts may be worn).
- Pink or Tan tights (preferably Pink).
- 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.

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

Jazz & Musical Theater

DANCEWEAR

- Black leotards – NO extra t-shirts or sweatshirts in class.
- Tan Tights.
- Black, tight dance pants, leggings, capris or shorts may be worn.
- **NO BAGGY SWEATPANTS OR STRIPED JOGGING PANTS.**

SHOES

- Tan stretch or pull-on jazz boots.

These **ARE** available online and can also be purchased in the studio.

Lyrical/Contemporary

DANCEWEAR

- Black leotards – NO extra t-shirts or attire in class.
- Tights are optional for this class as long as dance shorts are worn.

SHOES

- Tan ½ sole contemporary shoe.

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

Tap

DANCEWEAR

- Black leotards – NO extra t-shirts or sweatshirts in class.
- Tan Tights.
- Black, tight dance pants, leggings, capris or shorts may be worn.
- **NO BAGGY SWEATPANTS OR STRIPED JOGGING PANTS.**

SHOES

- Black tie Capezio oxford tap shoes.

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

Hip Hop

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 (white laces).
- **Intermediate 2 & Teen** – teacher/studio may choose based on dance.

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

BOYS

- Black sweatpants and White t-shirt, Black ballet, jazz & tap shoes, Black hip hop sneakers.