

Dance Attire Resources

Ballet

- Pink tights
- Black leotard (Ballet skirts optional)
- No underwear, unless necessary. If underwear is needed, please make sure they are nude in color.
- Hair in a tight ballet bun.
- Leather or canvas ballet shoes are preferable.
- **Recommended Shoe**
 - Bloch pink ballet shoes style #203 & #205



Boys Attire

- Black Sweats/Joggers / Leggings/ Bike Shorts
- White fitted shirt
- Hair styled out of face
- **Recommended Shoe**
 - White or black split sole ballet shoe, no specific brand



****During Summer Classes, attire is a little more relaxed. Students should wear comfortable fitted clothing. If you are new to dance and just starting out you can dance in socks, or borrow shoes from the studio if there are some your student's size. Clothing should not be too loose.***

Tap

- Tights not required for class
- Dance pants, dance shorts, capris are all ok
- Fitted shirts, dance tops, leotard
- Pants should be free from tripping hazards.
- Hair is to be secured back off the face.
- Black tap shoes are required.
- No buttons or zippers on clothing.
- **Recommended Shoe**
 - Capezio black tap shoes #625, jr. tyette (6 and under)
 - Boys shoes - Any black oxford shoes will do (6 and under)
 - Bloch, SO361L respect or something as close to this



Tap Shoe Buying Tips

- Blochs or Capezio are great brands to start with.
- Tiny Tappers 6 years and younger patent leather, lace tie shoe or elastic (see picture for example)
- Tappers over 6 years should be wearing an oxford style lace up.
- Students 6 and under can use riveted taps on the bottom.

- Oxford style shoes, for age 6 and older, should have a solid sole (no split sole), and a 3 screw tap on toe (no rivets). Stay away from the one screw in the middle tap shoe

Hip Hop

- Baggy clothes such as sweatpants, basketball shorts, and t-shirts
- Hair should be out of the face
- **NO** jeans, please
- Rubber soled athletic shoes are required
- Shoes must be worn only in the studio and kept clean! Please do not wear your street shoes for this class. You should purchase specific shoes for this class just as you would for your other classes.
- **Recommended Shoe**
 - Court shoes (basketball shoes)
 - Skateboard shoes (Vans or DC)
 - Flat Soles
 - Black or White are always great colors and what is typically used for recital.
 - We do not recommend running style athletic shoes with tread on the bottom. these types of shoes do not glide well across a floor and can sometimes be a little to grippy on the floor.



Lyrical / Contemporary

- Tights are not required for class, but are welcomed.
- Dance pants/leggings, dance shorts, capris all ok
- Fitted shirts, dance tops, or leotard
- Hair is to be secured back off the face.
- No buttons or zippers on clothing.
- **Recommended Shoe**
 - Half - Sole Tan/Pink Ballet Shoe
 - Slip on jazz shoe (boys or girls)
 - Boys - Ballet slipper okay, Refer to ballet shoes above



Acro / Tumbling

- Fitted clothing that allows them to easily move around. No baggy clothing.
- No buttons or zippers on clothing.
- Leotard preferred dance tops okay too.
- **Fitted** dance pants, shorts, capris, or one piece shorts unitard.
- Hair is to be secured back off the face.
- Bare feet, no shoes required

Jazz, Musical Theatre

- Fitted clothing that allows them to easily move around.
- No buttons or zippers on clothing.
- Leotard preferred fitted dance tops okay too (girls)
- T-shirts for boys

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- Dance pants/leggings, shorts, capris, or one-piece unitard.
- Hair is to be secured back off the face.
- Black jazz shoes unless otherwise told
- **Recommended Shoe**
 - Black or Tan Bloch neoflex slip on jazz shoes SO495L
 - Similar jazz shoes are also welcome. Go for the best fit for your foot

Strength & Stretch / Turns & Leaps Classes

- Fitted clothing that allows them to easily move around.
- No buttons or zippers on clothing.
- Fitted Dance Top, Leotard
- Dance pants/leggings, shorts, capris, or one-piece unitard.
- Hair is to be secured back off the face.
- No specific shoes are required. Use what you have if needed. We suggest whatever works best for you.

Dance Apparel Buying Tips

- Buying clothes for dance can be expensive. When starting out, check at Walmart, Target. They have a great selection of work out and dance specific clothing.
- Borrow from friends. Hand-me-downs are great.
- Check our donation bin at the studio.
- We keep used shoes at the studio should you need some to borrow or buy. Please feel free to check there.
- We also have a WDC buy sell trade Facebook group where families can ask for dance items or sell dance items their children have grown out of.
- Amazon sometimes has great deals for clothing and shoes.
- Check ebay and FB marketplace for great prices on shoes.
- BE SURE YOUR SHOES FIT. Dancing in shoes that are too big or small will affect the way the student dances.

Local Dance Stores

Dance Togs - <https://dancetogs.net/>

The Leotard - <https://www.theleotard.com/>

Portland Dance Wear - <http://www.portlanddancewear.com/>

Walmart or Target

Online

Discount Dance Supply - <https://www.discountdance.com/>

Capezio - <https://www.capezio.com/>

Bloch - <https://us.blochworld.com/>

Ebay - Great for pre-owned shoes

Facebook Marketplace - Great for pre-owned shoes