

THE DANCE EXPERIENCE

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PROPER ATTIRE

Proper attire is required to allow the most freedom of movement while allowing the class a professional appearance. The types of shoes required is dependent upon the form(s) of dance being studied. Street shoes are not allowed on the dance floor.

Competition Classes may require different shoes. Please do not purchase new shoes until the list of requirements is finalized (typically by November).

MALE (INCLUDING NON-BINARY) DRESS CODE

Black shorts or sweatpants, white t-shirt, black tap, jazz, jazz and/or ballet shoes.

FEMALE DRESS CODE

- **Ages 2-3 & 3-4 Ballet and Tap:** pink leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, and/or white tap shoes.
- **Ages 4-6 and Grades K-1 Ballet and Tap:** black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes and/or white tap shoes.
- **Hip Hop (all ages):** any clothing that allows freedom of movement (no denim). Black dance sneakers that cannot be worn outside.
- **Grades 1-3 and 2-5:** black leotard, pink or tan tights, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes, black split-sole jazz shoes, and/or black hip hop sneaker.
- **Grades 4 and up class; Grades 6-8:** black leotard, pink or tan tights, tan split-sole jazz shoes, black tap shoes, and/or pink ballet shoes.
- **Contemporary Lyrical and Modern (all ages):** black leotard, tan footless or stirrup tights, tan Pirouettes, PAWS or similar tan half-sole dance shoes. Tan Jazz shoes can also be worn for these classes.
- **Teen/Adult classes (no specific leotard or tights color required):**
 - **Ballet:** Leotard, tights and pink shoes.
 - **Jazz:** Leotard, tights, tan split-sole jazz shoes.
 - **Tap:** Leotard, tights, black tap shoes.

Dance skirts can be worn for ballet classes.

Dance pants or shorts can be worn for jazz and tap classes or with teacher approval.

******Please note:** the satin slippers that some chain stores sell as ballet slippers are not appropriate for dance class. Leather ballet shoes are required for children. Advanced dancers may also wear canvas ballet shoes.
WE CANNOT ACCEPT RETURNS OF ANY ITEMS PREVIOUSLY WORN.

CLASS CANCELLATION

In the event of inclement weather, a message will be left at 518-463-1195. Please call 2 hours prior to your class time. If the studio is closed, no one will be available to return phone calls, so please do not leave a voice message asking if classes are cancelled. Please call back and listen to the message.

We are also a member of The School Closings Network, so please check the local media websites. During busy times, the television stations do not always list businesses, so please check the websites.

In the event of class cancellation due to instructor illness or snowstorms, make-up classes may be offered, but tuition refunds cannot be granted. Make-up classes may be offered during scheduled vacations or on another day of the week. Each class is allowed one cancellation before make-up classes must be offered.

COSTUMES

Costumes must be ordered in December to ensure arrival for the End of Year Performance in June. These costumes will cost approximately \$60.00 for children's costumes. Adult sizes cost more. The costume cost will be due January 3 – 8. Dancers are measured in early December for the costumes they will wear in June. Consideration is given for growth, but parent recommendations are required. If you do not want a costume to be ordered, a request must be submitted in writing prior to December 16th. Emails are ok, provided you receive an email confirmation that your message was received. **COSTUMES CANNOT BE RETURNED OR EXCHANGED.** If a student drops out of a class after the costume is ordered, parents are still responsible for payment of the costume balance.

**** Participation in the End of Year Performance is not mandatory.** Some individuals love to dance, but do not like to perform. If the idea of an on-stage performance does not appeal to you, you can still learn a great deal and enjoy the class!