

# DRESS CODES

- Proper dress code is a very important part of maintaining the educational objectives at Passion Dance Academy. It reflects the structure and discipline of the class and removes any extra distractions from a student's dance training.
- Our goal as mentors at Passion Dance Academy is to develop the artistic side of each student through movement as he or she progresses in dance technique. Therefore, we require that a standard of proper attire and appropriate neatness be observed at all times. The teacher reserves the right to not allow class participation by a student who regularly neglects this requirement.
- Cover-ups are required to be worn over dance attire in and out of the building. Dance footwear should NOT be worn outside.
- Stud or small earrings are the only type of jewelry that is permissible in dance class. Watches, necklaces, large rings and bracelets are potentially hazardous.
- Hair must be neatly and securely pulled away from the face for ALL CLASSES. For ballet classes Pre-Ballet through Ballet III, hair may be worn in a ponytail or ballet bun. For ballet classes Ballet IV and up, ballet buns are required. If hair is too short to make a bun for ballet, please pull hair away from face into a ponytail and secure with clips and hair spray. For tap, jazz, contemporary, and musical theatre dance, ponytails or ballet buns are acceptable.

## BALLET

### Pre-Ballet through Ballet III

All female students should wear light pink footed tights under a solid black leotard (cap sleeve style preferred). The leotard should NOT have rhinestones, designs, elaborate straps, nor skirt attached. Please do not wear tights that have large holes or runs. A wrap-around ballet sweater and/or leg warmers may be worn at the teacher's discretion. No other warm-up or cover-up attire is permissible in class. Footwear for females is pink ballet shoes (leather preferred) with a full sole and elastic sewn across the in-step. Hair must be pulled back away from the face in a ponytail or ballet bun.

All male students ages 3 -11 should wear black-knitted shorts or leggings, a white fitted t-shirt, white socks, and black ballet shoes (leather preferred) with a full sole and elastic sewn across the in-step.

## **Ballet IV and up**

All female students should wear light pink footed tights under a solid black leotard (camisole style preferred). The leotard should NOT have rhinestones, designs, elaborate straps, nor skirt attached. Please do not wear tights that have large holes or runs. Tights should be convertible if students are taking pointe class or an additional class that requires bare feet. A wrap-around ballet sweater and/or leg warmers may be worn at the teacher's discretion. No other warm-up or cover-up attire is permissible in class. Pointe students may bring a SEPARATE solid color chiffon skirt to be worn at the teacher's discretion. Footwear for females is pink ballet shoes (leather or canvas) with elastic sewn across the in-step in all ballet classes.

All male students under 12 should wear black-knitted shorts or leggings, a white fitted t-shirt, white socks, and black ballet shoes (leather or canvas). All male students ages 12+ should wear black tights, a dance belt undergarment, a white-fitted t-shirt, white socks, and black ballet shoes (leather or canvas). Ballet shoes must have elastic sewn across the in-step. Leg warmers may be worn at the teacher's discretion. No other warm-up or cover-up attire is permissible in class.

## **TAP & JAZZ/MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE**

All female students should wear a solid black leotard with light pink tights worn underneath the leotard or black jazz pants/leggings worn over the leotard.

All male students should wear a solid color fitted t-shirt with black jazz pants, leggings or knit shorts.

Tap shoes must be worn for all tap classes. Black or tan jazz shoes must be worn for all jazz/musical theatre dance classes.

## **CONTEMPORARY**

All female students should wear a solid black leotard with convertible light pink tights worn underneath the leotard or black leggings worn over the leotard.

All male students should wear a solid color fitted t-shirt with black leggings or knit shorts.

It is recommended for all students to bring a long-sleeve shirt to class for floor work. Students are barefoot for contemporary classes.

## **CREATIVE MOVEMENT**

Students should wear movement-appropriate clothing. Specific dance attire is not required. Tutus are welcome! Footwear is bare feet, socks with grips on the bottom, or ballet shoes.

# POLICIES

## PARENT OBSERVATION

With the exception of Creative Movement classes, parents are NOT allowed to remain in the dance studio with the students. Parents may drop off their student and return at the class finish time, or they may stay in the lobby located at the front of the music academy during the class time. Parent observations will be held throughout the year. Email notification will be sent out with advanced notice of these observation dates.

## ABSENCES

Please email [dance@passionacademy.net](mailto:dance@passionacademy.net) or call **804-412-8100**, if you know in advance that your student will be absent from a lesson or class, so we can notify their mentor.

**Our mentors DO NOT handle cancellations or scheduling changes. Please do not contact them directly.**

Students receive 1 excused absence per calendar month. Notification (via email or phone call) of at least 24 hours in advance must be given in order for an absence to be considered "excused". In the event of an excused absence, the student's name will be removed from the roster for that particular date and no charge will be taken from your account for that class.

For all other absences, either an in-person make up lesson may be scheduled or the student can choose to attend a virtual class/receive a pre-recorded class to serve as a make up lesson. If you are not able to complete the make up lesson, the tuition for that visit will be forfeited.

## MAKE UP CLASSES

An absence may be made up in another class of the same level. Please check with the Program Director, Sarah Ruppel Bullis, at [sarah@passionacademy.net](mailto:sarah@passionacademy.net) in order to determine the appropriate makeup class for your student.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Passion Dance does not follow any school system's inclement weather policy. If inclement weather occurs, please visit our social media (Facebook, Instagram), or check your email for updates on class changes or cancellations. In the event that class is cancelled due to inclement weather, we will offer make up class options.

*For all other policies, please see the Dance Program Handbook.*