

***DRESS CODE**

To all students and parents at Mirror Image Dance Academy:

We want to make sure all students and parents understand the expectations of our dress code at the academy. Please make this happen right away for these last two weeks of regular classes.

1. **All students in every dance class must be wearing a leotard and tights.** This is the requirement for the school year as well as the summer. Different styles of dance can also wear different things as listed below. There are many different styles of leotards and tights for you to choose from. For tights, there are footed, transition, footless, or bodytights and any brand is fine. We keep the dance studio air conditioned in the summer, so even if it is hot outside, it is cool in the dance studio. When a dancer is dressed like a dancer, they dance like a dancer. Students hold their posture differently, perform differently, and expect more out of themselves when they are dressed like a dancer. No jewelry is allowed in any class. No large or dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets, or watches. Parents, please make sure that your child is abiding by the dress code. Please do not have to make the teacher ask your child or call you at home. Thanks you in advance.
2. **All Ballet and Ballet/Tap/Jazz students must have hair up in a ponytail or bun.** If hair is short and not able to be in a pony or bun it still needs to have as much up as possible (a headband might be helpful). This is so that teachers are able to see neck and shoulder lines while the dancers are dancing. Long bangs (longer than eyebrows) must be held back in a barrette or headband also. Please bring along what you need to put your hair up for class.
3. **All Ballet, Ballet/Tap/Jazz and Irish students.** It is ok to wear tight dance shorts or a ballet skirt over the leotard but no long pants, no gauchos, and no street skirts (the kind worn to school or other activities). All clothing must be tight fitting (no sweatshirts, no t-shirts, no tank tops etc. over leotard). This is so that teachers are able to see the legs and posture of the dancers.
4. **All Ballet students including Ballet/Tap/Jazz students must wear Ballet shoes.** It is not safe for students to wear “dress up” slippers to class or socks. They do not hold their feet in place and have slippery bottoms. Please make sure that your dancer is wearing ballet shoes, the laces are trimmed to 1 ½ inch past the square knot and tucked into their shoes so that they cannot trip on the untied laces. There should be NO BOWS on ballet shoes.
5. **All Jazz, Modern, and Tap:** Again, it is ok to wear shorts or a dance skirt (not street skirt), jazz pants and tight fitting pants are ok as well, but no gauchos are allowed. Hair should be up off the dancer’s neck (example: a ponytail, braids or pigtails). Long bangs (longer than eyebrows) must be held back in a barrette or headband also. Please bring along what you need to put your hair up for class.
6. **Hip Hop students:** In addition to a leotard and tights, hip-hop students can wear jazz pants or shorts. Street clothing is not allowed, i.e. no jeans, sweatshirts, gauchos, street shoes (sneakers), no jewelry. Hair can be worn down for hip-hop. Dancers must wear Jazz shoes or Hip Hop Dance Sneakers.

Thank you