

## Dance Department Dress Code by Levels

Following a dress code not only promotes discipline and pride, but also allows teachers to observe a student's body placement and alignment so that accurate corrections can be made. Please note that holes in leotards, tights or shoes are unacceptable.

### Ballet

Conservatory class placement is based on age and level. Students may remain in the same level for several years. Below is a list of the approximate grades and ages per level with the dress code for each.

- **Pink Ballet** – K3 and K4 or Ages 3-5
- **Light Blue Ballet** – Pre-Primary or Ages 5-6
- **Red Ballet** – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade or Ages 6-7
- **Lilac Ballet** – Ages 7-8
- **Navy Ballet** – Ages 8-9
- **Cobalt Ballet** – Ages 9-11
- **Forest Green Ballet** – Ages 10-12
- **Intermediate I** – Ages 11-13
- **Intermediate II and III** – Ages 12+
- **Advanced Ballet** – Ages 14+
- **Variations** – by invitation only ages 12+

### Girls:

- Leotards and hair accessories according to class color are available at the Conservatory “Little Store” for Pink through Forest Ballet Levels. Dancers in Intermediate I/II/III should wear a black leotard available at Dancing Supplies Depot. Dancers in Intermediate I/II/III can select a black leotard from a list of possible styles at Dancing Supplies Depot, but must have the black leotard with the lace top.
- Hair must be worn in a bun, away from the face.
  - Pink, Light blue, Red, Lilac, Navy, and Cobalt groups are to wear the bun with the corresponding hair accessory. Please note that pins are still needed to attach the hairpiece to the bun.
  - Forest green, Intermediate and Advanced groups are to wear a professional bun (matching hairnet and hair pins according to color of hair).
- No jewelry
- Lilac and above: Capezio Pink Convertible Tights available at Dancing Supplies Depot or Ballet Boutique.
- Pink, Light blue, and Red groups: pink bobby socks. Pink bobby socks are available at the Conservatory “Little Store”. CEA uniform bobby socks may be worn.
- Pink and light blue groups should have matching ballet skirt, available at Dancing Supplies Depot or Ballet Boutique.
- Ballet Shoes\*\*\*
  - Pink Ballet through Cobalt Level: Capezio Full Sole Ballet Shoes
  - Forest Level and Above: Split Sole Ballet Shoes



### Boys (all levels):

- White t-shirt, black tights, and black ballet shoes, available at Dancing Supplies Depot or Ballet Boutique.

\*\*\*Ballet shoes should fit snugly so that minimal material can be pinched at the back of the heel when the foot is pointed. This means they cannot be bought with “growing room” as this does not allow the use of the correct muscles and can cause injury. Do not be tempted to use the drawstring to make the shoes “fit” as this can cause irreparable damage to the Achilles tendon at the back of the foot. Please make sure that drawstrings are neatly tucked inside the shoe during class and performances. The elastics should be sewn at the spot where the heel, when compressed, forms a right angle with the sides of the shoe. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Danella.

## **Lyrical and Contemporary**

- Any color leotard, black tights, black spankies
- Hair in bun or ponytail, neat and away from face

## **Spanish Dance**

Conservatory class placement is based on age and level. Students may remain in the same level for several years. Below is a list of the approximate grades and ages per level with the dress code for each.

- **Jerez** – K3 and K4 or Ages 3-5
- **Teruel** – Pre-Primary or Ages 5-6
- **Cantabria** – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade or Ages 6-7
- **Sevilla** – Ages 7-9
- **Cordoba** – Ages 8-10
- **Andalucia** – Ages 9-11
- **Castilla** – Ages 10-12
- **Navarra** – Ages 11-12
- **Malaga** – Ages 12-13
- **Segovia** – Ages 13-14
- **Advanced** – Ages 14+

### Girls:

- Hair in a bun away from the face
- No jewelry
- Red, blue or black leotard (according to level) and black hair accessory, available at the Conservatory “Little Store”
- Red, blue or black Spanish dance skirt (according to level) and pink tights, available at Dancing Supplies Depot
  - **Jerez, Teruel and Cantabria Spanish dance:** red leotard and red Spanish dance skirt. Jerez, Teruel, and Cantabria wear pink bobby socks (no tights), available at the Conservatory “Little Store.” CEA uniform pink bobby socks may be worn.
  - **Sevilla and Cordoba Spanish dance:** cobalt blue leotard and blue Spanish dance skirt
  - **Andalucia and Castilla Spanish dance:** black leotard and black Spanish dance skirt with ruffle.



- **Navarra, Malaga and Advanced Spanish dance:** black leotard and a black Spanish dance skirt. Please consult with teacher before purchasing. In addition to black Spanish dance skirt, these levels should purchase black Escuela Bolera skirt, available at Ballet Boutique.
- Castanets, available for purchase at the Conservatory office

#### Boys (all levels):

- Conservatory T-Shirt, available for purchase in the Conservatory “Little Store”
- Black dance pants
- Castanets, available for purchase at the Conservatory office.

\*\*\*Spanish Dance Shoes: Black Spanish Dance shoes (girls) come in different styles; therefore, the type of leather, height of heel, nails, etc must be consulted with the teacher prior to purchasing shoes.

- **Jerez, Teruel and Cantabria** will wear a lower, wider heel (not regular character shoe) without nails. These are available for purchase at Ballet Boutique.
- **Sevilla, Cordoba and Andalucia** will wear character shoes without nails. These are available for purchase at Ballet Boutique.
- **Castilla, Navarra, Malaga and Advanced** will wear Spanish dance shoes with nails, available at Ballet Boutique or Dancing Supplies Depot.
- **Black Spanish Dance boots (boys)** are available at Dancing Supplies Depot. Spanish dance shoes come in different types; therefore, the type of leather must be consulted with the teacher prior to purchasing shoes.
- Pink Ballet slippers (Andalucia level and up)
- Alpargatas (Andalucia level and up), available for purchase at the Conservatory office

## **Hip Hop**

#### Girls:

- Hair in a bun or ponytail away from the face
- No jewelry
- Conservatory T-Shirt or off-the-shoulder shirt, available at the Conservatory “Little Store”
- Black jazz pants and black dance sneakers, available at Dancing Supplies Depot or Ballet Boutique

#### Boys:

- Black Conservatory t-shirt and black sweatpants, available at the Conservatory “Little Store”
- Black dance sneakers, available at Dancing Supplies Depot or Ballet Boutique

## **Cuban Dance**

#### Girls:

- Hair in a bun or ponytail away from the face
- No jewelry
- Black leotard and black hair accessory are available at the Conservatory “Little Store”
- Black Ballroom dance skirt, tan tights (pink tights may be worn for class), and tan character shoes, available at Dancing Supplies Depot

#### Boys:

- Conservatory t-shirt available at the Conservatory “Little Store”
- Black jazz pants available at Dancing Supplies Depot or Ballet Boutique



- Black dance sneakers or Black jazz shoes

### **Martial Arts**

- Conservatory Gi – available for purchase through Conservatory pre-order.

### **Music**

No uniforms are required for music classes. Students are required to wash their hands thoroughly before class, have their nails properly trimmed, and come with hair neatly away from face

### **Theatre**

- Hair neatly picked up and away from face
- No jewelry
- Black Conservatory or theatre t-shirt and black sweatpants are available at the Conservatory “Little Store”
- Black sneakers or black jazz shoes

### **Visual Arts**

- All students are required to wear an Art Apron, available for purchase at the Conservatory’s “Little store.”