

DANCE DRESS CODE

All students are asked to present a neat, modest appearance, appropriate for class and the church environment. Students should avoid wearing large jewelry in class and should wear street clothes or an appropriate cover up outside class. In addition, each student should follow the specific dress code listed below for his/her class.

Where to find dancewear: All leotards, tights, and skirts can be purchased from SoFA. You have the option of ordering from our online store or in person in the SoFA office. If you are concerned about leotard sizes, we have a sizing set of leotards, you may try on for correct sizing.

Goody 2 Shoes (221 Moulton Street Decatur)

Bloom Dancewear (Leeman Ferry Rd., Huntsville)

Chain stores such as **Target and Academy** may carry limited styles for preschool dancers. We do not recommend purchasing dance shoes there except for preschool due to quality.

Required Ballet Uniforms

These guidelines are for Ballet attire only. Appropriate dancewear for other classes is listed on the back of this document.

Ballet Warm-up Attire: For warmth, we allow snug wrap sweaters (available at dancewear suppliers). Students may also want a long-sleeve leotard for winter if cold natured. We do not allow sweatshirts, coats/jackets, fleece/Sherpa pullovers, or oversize layers. These prevent teachers from helping students with alignment and placement.

Ballet Attire -

Leotard - Solid colored leotard in required color (see below). Students may choose spaghetti straps, cap or short sleeve or long sleeve. Neckline should be traditional scoop neck or a reasonable V neck. All leotard backs must be plain, without lace, crisscrossed straps, or mesh inserts.

Tights - pink tights

Shoes - Going forward all newly purchased ballet shoes will be leather full sole to help facilitate strengthening of feet. Leather split soles may be worn at Student Level and above interchanged with demi pointe shoes and pointe shoes.

At Student level and above, students wishing/ready to prepare for pointe work will wear demi pointe (pre-pointe) shoes. Those not wishing to take pointe classes may wear their leather split sole shoes.

Each Student level class will increase in time spent in demi shoes; Student 1 will wear demi pointe shoes during barre warm up. Student 2 during barre warm up and center adage. Student 3 and Pre-College, throughout barre, center adage, and center allegro.

Skirt – skirts are optional. If worn, they should match the leotard color and be solid without patterns or prints.

Hair should be in a **bun**. To help younger students with flyaways, messy buns, no bun at all, or rushing to put hair up, Early division classes will also wear a stretchy headband that matches the leotard color (see below).

Required Leotard Colors

Mommy & Me & Creative Dance 1 & 2 – Light Pink
Early 1 & 2 – White Leotard & Headband
Early 3 & Pre-Foundation – Light Blue leotard & Headband
Foundation 1 & 2 – Lavender/Light purple
Foundation 3 & 4 – Dark Purple/Eggplant
Pre-Student & Student 1 – Royal Blue
Student 2 & 3 – Navy Blue
Pre-College 1 & 2 - Black

Preschool and Kindergarten Classes (Mommy & Me and Creative Dance): Pink leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. Skirt is optional. Hair should be neatly secured in a bun (preferred) or a ponytail/half-up style if too short.

Tap: Any solid-colored leotard, tights, and tap shoes. Skirt/shorts are optional. Shoes should be black leather, Mary Jane style (the tie-style is acceptable only if students are able to tie their own shoes). Shoes for Level 3 and 4 are Oxford. Hair should be secured.

Jazz: Any solid-colored leotard, tights or jazz pants, and jazz shoes. No sweatpants or jeans. Jazz shoes should be tan split-sole, slip-on style. Hair should be neatly secured.

Modern: Solid-colored leotard or snug-fitting top (nothing baggy) with tights and/or shorts, jog pants, or cut-off sweats. Shoes are not required for this class, although students may bring cotton socks or dance paws for turns.

Boys: Boys should wear a white t-shirt with black athletic shorts or pants. Male preschool and ballet students should wear black ballet shoes. Tap, jazz, and hip-hop students should follow the shoe recommendations listed above for each class.