

THE AILEY SCHOOL

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION DRESS CODE

Professional Division Students are required to abide by the dress code in all their classes. Students who do not comply with ANY aspect of the dress code will be asked to observe or leave class. NOTE: All dress code items must be WITHOUT visible logos, other than an Ailey Logo.

- Dance attire MUST be form-fitting! (Leggings are permitted)
- Dance attire MUST be free of holes, runs, and stains.
- Ballet shoes MUST be worn in ballet classes.
- Fingernails MUST be kept short (*less than ¼ inch*) without brightly colored nail polish.
- NO sweatpants, plastic pants, big shirts, head scarves, dangling jewelry, facial rings or earrings.
- NO loose or baggy clothing.
- NO shorts of any kind, NO cut-offs of any kind, NO bra tops. NO crop tops.
- NO sheer or transparent dance attire.
- Clothing MUST NOT inhibit your ability to fully execute movement.
- Dancewear and undergarments MUST be washed daily.

FEMALE PRESENTING DANCERS:

Hair:

Shoulder length hair or longer must be in a bun and pinned away from the neck and face with a hairnet.

Shorter hair must be pinned away from the neck and face. No claw clips!

Ballet Attire:

- **Leotards:** Black or White (*Unitards must meet the leotard and tights requirements*)
- **Tights:** Skin tone, Black, or Pink (*ankle length is acceptable*)
- **Ballet and Pointe Shoes** Black, Skin tone, or Pink
- **Leg warmers:** Black form-fitting leg warmers
- **Ballet Skirts:** Short sheer ballet skirts permitted at instructor's discretion

Graham & Ailey/Horton Attire:

- **Leotard:** Black or White (*Unitards must meet the leotard and tights requirements*)
- **Tights:** Black only – ankle length
- **Leg warmers:** Black form-fitting leg warmers

MALE PRESENTING

Hair:

- Hair must be neatly groomed. Facial hair must be minimal and neatly groomed.

Ballet Attire:

- Leotard: White or Black (*Unitards must meet the leotard and tights requirements*)
- Tights: Black Only (*ankle length is acceptable*)
- Ballet Shoes: Skin tone or Black
- Leg warmers: Black form-fitting leg warmers

Graham & Ailey/Horton Attire:

- Leotard: Black or White (*Unitards must meet the leotard and tights requirements*)
- Tights: Black Only – ankle length
- Leg warmers: Black form-fitting leg warmers

Electives:

- Tap: Tap shoes are required for tap classes
- Jazz: Jazz shoes, sneakers, character shoes, or flexible jazz boots
- Hip Hop: Black sweatpants; white T-shirt; sneakers
- Yoga and Gyrokinesis®: Yoga mat required
- Body Conditioning: Yoga mat and two Therabands (one light; one heavy) required
- Strength Training: *TBD*

Undergarments:

- Nude bra and nude thong
- Black and tan dance belts
- Boy shorts – Black and Flesh toned (*mid-thigh length*)

Performance Dress Code

- Each dancer is responsible for having their own personal undergarments & shoes, such as bras, dance belts, etc.
- Performers are responsible for the required undergarments for scheduled tech, dress rehearsal, and all performances.
- Shoes are not provided by the Ailey School. Dancers must acquire their own personal shoes & socks / tights if required by your choreographer.
- Dancers may be asked to supplement the performance dress code with pieces from their own wardrobe. Please bring these on your fitting day and then to tech, dress & all performances.
- Tattoos **MUST** be covered with make-up for all performances, studio showings, and lecture demonstrations.
- Facial piercings **MUST** be removed for dress rehearsals and performances.

ALL DANCERS:

Tights

- Skin Tone Matching
- Pink
- Black
- Any other color / style that your Choreographer requests
- Knee pads

Shoes

- Ballet Slippers (Choreographer will advise)
- Jazz Shoes (Choreographer will advise)
- Character Shoes (Choreographer will advise)
- Black or White Sneakers (Choreographer will advise)

Socks

- Black (with NO Logos)
- Skin Tone Matching (No Logos)

MALE PRESENTING DANCERS:

- Black Dance Belt
- Skin Tone Matching Dance Belt
- Black Bike Shorts (No Logos)
- Black Tank Top
- White Tank Top
- Black T-shirt
- White T-Shirt

FEMALE PRESENTING DANCERS:

- Black Camisole Leotard
- Skin Tone Matching Camisole Leotard
- Black Bralette or Bra as needed
- Skin Tone Matching Bralette or Bra as needed
- Black Shorts (NO Logos)
- Skin Tone matching shorts
- Black Thong
- Skin Tone Matching Thong
- Black brief
- Skin Tone Matching Brief

Performance make-up:

ALL students are recommended to bring a full makeup kit for performance that includes the following items:

- *Foundation cream in your own skin tone*
- *Matte powders*
- *Contour powders*
- *Neutral- tone eyeshadow*
- *Blush*
- *Red (not too dark) and pink lipstick*

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