



WSD UNIFORM POLICY

Proper dance attire must be neat and form fitted so that proper body alignment can be observed. Students are expected to attend ALL classes in full WSD uniform. Proper footwear, in good condition, is required in each class. Jewellery is not allowed, except for small pierced earrings. Students are not permitted to wear undergarments with their uniform, with the exception of a **black** bra to match the colour of the leotard. Students who arrive wearing clothing that does not adhere to the outlined specifications may be asked to change or observe class on that day.

Please note: Students may be required to purchase an alternate colour or style of dance tights for Performance purposes.

CLASS	LEVEL	LEOTARD, TIGHTS, SHOES & OPTIONAL DANCEWEAR
Ballet	Pre-School, Levels 1, 2, and 3	Pink WSD leotard, Pink dance tights, Pink ballet slippers Pink ballet skirt, Pink dance sweater, Pink WSD headband (optional)
	Levels 4 & up, & all levels of ITP & PPP	Black WSD leotard, Pink dance tights, Pink ballet slippers (leather or canvas) Black ballet skirt, Black dance sweater, Black WSD headband (optional)
	Levels 6 & up, Senior ITP, & all levels of PPP	Black WSD Faculty approved dance shorts (optional)

Please note: Students enrolled in SRB Ballet Exam classes are required to wear a designated WSD leotard (bra straps are not to be visible under any circumstance) and leather ballet slippers for their SRB Examination.

Jazz	Pre-School, Levels 1, 2, and 3	Pink WSD leotard, Pink dance tights, Caramel jazz boots
	Level 4, Primary & Junior ITP	Black WSD leotard, Caramel, Maple or Java dance tights, Caramel jazz boots
	Level 5 & up, Senior ITP, & all levels of PPP	Black WSD leotard, Caramel, Maple or Java dance tights, Black jazz boots
	Levels 6 & up, Senior ITP, & all levels of PPP	Black WSD Faculty approved dance shorts (optional)
	Sr., Adv., & Adv. PPP only	Black full length leggings (optional)

Please note: If a student is in back to back ballet/jazz classes, pink dance tights are to be worn.

Tap	Learn to Tap & Junior	Pink or Black WSD leotard (depending on class level), Pink, Caramel, Maple or Java dance tights, Caramel tap shoes
	Elementary, Intermediate, Senior & Advanced	Black WSD leotard, Caramel, Maple or Java dance tights, Black tap shoes Black WSD Faculty approved dance shorts (optional)
	Senior & Advanced only	Black full length leggings (optional)



CLASS	LEVEL	LEOTARD, TIGHTS, SHOES & OPTIONAL DANCEWEAR
Musical Theatre	Primary	Pink WSD leotard, Pink dance tights, Caramel jazz boots
	Junior, Intermediate, Senior & Advanced	Black WSD leotard, Caramel, Maple or Java dance tights, Black jazz boots (Caramel is acceptable) Black WSD Faculty approved dance shorts (optional)
	Senior & Advanced only	Black full length leggings (optional)
Hip Hop	Primary & Junior	Pink WSD leotard, Pink dance tights, Black hip hop sneakers; additional WSD Faculty approved dancewear (optional)
	Intermediate, Senior & Advanced	Black WSD leotard, Caramel, Maple or Java dance tights, Black hip hop sneakers; additional WSD Faculty approved dancewear – leggings, jogging pants, tees & hoodies. No jewellery, hats, bandanas or bare midriiffs
	Advanced only	Student's own indoor runners are acceptable at this level
Acro	Primary & Junior	Pink WSD leotard, Pink Convertible, Stirrup or Footless tights, bare feet
	Intermediate, Senior & Advanced	Black WSD leotard Caramel, Maple or Java Convertible or Stirrup tights, bare feet
	Senior & Advanced only	Black full length leggings (optional)
Contemporary	All Levels	Black WSD leotard, Caramel, Maple or Java Convertible or Stirrup tights, bare feet, footUndeez, or Lifeknit Sox
BOYS:	Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Acro, Contemporary & Musical Theatre	White t-shirt, Black dance or jogging pants, Black socks, Black dance shoes; Contemporary & Acro – bare feet
	Hip Hop	Black hip hop or high top sneakers, loose, layered clothing

HAIR REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LEVELS

BALLET:

Students are required to have their hair in a proper bun for all Ballet, Pointe and Russian Exam classes. Hair must be secured in a medium height bun with hairpins, hair net and a pink headband (Pre-School to Level 3).

JAZZ, TAP & MUSICAL THEATRE:

Hair must be in a secure ponytail or bun, up off the face and neck.

ACRO:

Hair must be up in a secure ponytail, off the face and neck.

HIP HOP & CONTEMPORARY:

Hair must be worn up off the face and neck.

The above standards are laid out so all dance classes can run smoothly, efficiently, and professionally. Receipt of WSD's Uniform Policy and enrolment into any dance class acknowledges your agreement to adhere to the above specifications and policies.



Why does WSD enforce uniforms?

- 1. Uniforms instil a sense of self-discipline.** The dance uniform sets a standard for our school and code of conduct you are responsible to uphold. It should be respected at all levels of dance from pre-school to senior/advance and professional levels. Showing up properly dressed for class shows that you respect the art of dance and that you are ready to learn.
- 2. Uniforms serve to accommodate form and function.** Like other activities and sports, a dance uniform is specifically designed and manufactured for dance, from the fabric to the fit. They are designed to enhance your movement – not to limit range, be distracting, or hide your lines. We want to see our dancers' bodies! It is of the utmost importance to see proper posture and alignment in our students during their training. The chosen uniform enhances this and enables us to correct placement and help them improve.
- 3. Uniforms instil pride and unity.** It gives students, present and past, a sense of belonging, being a part of something bigger, and fosters community spirit. We want our dancers to understand that when wearing our uniform you are representing your current peers, as well as the ones that have come before you who have worn it with pride and distinction. They are respecting the history of our community and the school. Dancers are still able to show their uniqueness and personality through their dancing.
- 4. Uniforms make you feel the part.** When all students show up for class in proper uniform they are showing their teacher respect and their readiness to learn. This is our standard at WSD and it is expected by our teachers. When students are dressed sloppy, it shows our teachers that you are not prepared for class. Uniforms help the teacher to make better corrections and to see the class move as a group. When you feel ready for a specific class and look the part, you will dance the part and to the best of your ability!
- 5. Uniforms allow dancers to stand on the same platform.** Uniforms allow each student to feel part of the class and help them focus on what really matters, dancing. Students should dance in time with each other and with the music. When students are in uniform, it makes the class a cohesive environment and promotes dancers to move together in unison. This is the team atmosphere we strive for at WSD.