

Dance Class Attire

At *Starlit Dance Connection*

Our attire expectations have always been set from the day we opened. You can find these expectations on the "Attire" tab of the "Classes" section on our website, www.starlitdanceconnection.com. We want to continue to enforce these rules and expectations for the presentation and safety of our dancers! Please read this over and make sure you are sending your child to class ready to go!

- 1. HAIR UP AND OUT OF THE FACE** - Your student should come to class with their hair in a ponytail, bun, braid or anything that will keep their hair up and out of the face. If your student has short hair or bangs, headbands and clips can help keep hair out of their eyes. We have hair ties to provide to a student who occasionally forgets or breaks their hair tie. We should not be giving the same student a hair tie every class!
- 2. PROPER DANCE SHOES** - Your student should arrive to class with their proper shoes. The only classes where it is acceptable to be in bare feet is Acro and Contemporary. Their dance shoes should be a proper fit and not worn outdoors, so please do not send a Hip-Hop student into the studio room with the same sneakers they wore outside! Help keep our dance floors clean! Students should be keeping shoes in their dance bags or cubbies so they are always prepared, and not coming into the classroom wearing just their socks.
- 3. NO EXCESSIVE JEWELRY** - We think it's GREAT that the students like to express themselves with jewelry, but please do this at school and at home! Rings, bracelets and necklaces while dancing can cut / scratch themselves or others, get caught in their / others hair and clothing, get stepped on, or break (We have had to pick up broken beaded bracelets from the floor multiple times!!). When the kids come to the studio with it on, and then take it off before class and leave it on tables and counters, they also often get left behind and thrown in the lost and found. Just leave the jewelry at home! Studs are okay.
- 4. NO EXCESSIVE FAKE NAILS** - Again, we are not wishing to take away a student's self expression and fashion choices, but really long fake nails are a safety hazard! Similar to jewelry, they can cut and scratch, break, get caught in clothes and hair, and get stepped on when they fall off. Have fun with polish, but please keep nails at a reasonable length!



5. NO JEANS / STREET CLOTHES - Do not send your student to class wearing jeans or jean shorts. They are not a moveable or breathable article of clothing. Please also do not send them in dresses or skirts that they would wear to school, these are often not paired with something underneath, so it does not provide the child enough coverage for a dance class.

6. NO BAGGY CLOTHING - Unless it's the appropriate class! Baggy clothes in Hip-Hop or Contemporary is often the style and is permitted. Otherwise, NO baggy clothes in any Acro class, as this makes it unsafe to spot the dancer. NO baggy clothes in Ballet, Lyrical, Tap or Jazz, as this can make it difficult to see the student's alignment and make corrections. Students in these class styles should be wearing a leotard and tights, an athletic set, shorts, tanks and t-shirts etc. NOT baggy hoodies, sweats or pajamas.

7. NO GUM - This isn't particularly related to attire, but related to the preparedness of the student for class. Students should not have gum in their mouth while dancing.

8. READ THE ATTIRE GUIDELINES - All in all, each class has a specific type of shoe and suggested attire, so please read this over in the "Attire" tab or "Attire" section of the take home packet for the season.

We understand that the children are often coming straight from school to their dance class, may have another sport that night, or just overall rushing around in our busy lives! However, with the use of dance bags, cubbies and our bathrooms, there is ALWAYS the opportunity for a student to bring the proper attire with them and change, just like they would for gym class or another sport! **REMEMBER**, you wouldn't send your child to soccer without their shin guards, or to swim practice without their swimsuit. Send your child to dance with their proper attire! :)

