

## ***Dress Code***

Proper dance attire is required at SSDC. Our dress code exists so that students can focus on their dancing and instructors can focus on their students without distractions. The only jewelry allowed in class are post earrings. Sports bras as tops and midriff-baring shirts are not appropriate for class. No garment with buttons or zippers is allowed in class.

### **Attire**

**Ballet:** Ballet students must wear a solid color leotard and tights (pink, black, or nude) to every class. Any color leotard is fine. Booty shorts or ballet skirts may be worn over leotards and tights at the instructor's discretion. Legwarmers, long sleeve leotards, and ballet sweaters are recommended for winter, as no other warm-ups will be permitted in ballet class. Boys should wear fitted dance pants and a fitted solid color t-shirt.

**Modern, Contemporary, Tap, and Jazz:** For modern, contemporary, tap, and jazz, dancers must wear a leotard and tights or leggings. Tights must be convertible or footless for contemporary and modern, and dancers may wear fitted shorts over top. For boys, the dress code is the same as for ballet. Shorts are not advised, as dancers often do floor work in modern and jazz.

**Attire for young dancers:** A leotard and tights are expected attire for all Creative Dance, Pre-Level, and Level 1 dancers. Footed tights may never be worn without shoes, so modern students must wear footless or convertible tights to class. We recommend that they not wear any extraneous garments that detach from their leotard (skirts, tutus, legwarmers, etc), as these items can be distracting to young dancers. **Dance costumes may not be worn in class.**

### **Shoes**

**Ballet-** Canvas Split Sole Ballet Slippers (Pink for girls and black for boys)

**Pointe-** Pointe shoes must be fitted by a professional and are only allowed for students who have received instructor permission to begin pointe work.

**Jazz-** Black Split Sole Jazz shoes

**Tap-** Black Flat Oxford Style Tap Shoes

**Modern and Contemporary-** No shoes. Socks are acceptable for the warm up, but the rest of the class should be danced in bare feet.

**NOTE:** Dance shoes may never be worn outside.

### **Hair**

**Ballet/Pointe-** Hair must be in a bun or chignon and completely secure with pins.

**Modern, contemporary, jazz, tap-** Hair must be in either a secure ponytail or a bun.