

HSA Dance Department Dress Code Guidelines

As of 1/6/12

The Harlem School of the Arts (HSA) requires appropriate attire in all of its dance classes. We must ask that all dance students adhere to the HSA Dance Department Dress Code.

- All dance students are required to wear the appropriate attire that is specified for the dance class that they are taking.
- A **dance belt** for boys is for protective support (similar to a jock strap in other sports) and should be worn for all dance classes.
- No **jewelry** may be worn except very small earrings or studs.
- White T-shirts and tank tops should fit snugly and be tucked in
- All **ballet slippers** should be fitted by the teachers or head of dance department. Elastics should be tucked in and sewn on. In general shoes and socks must match or shoes and tights.
- **Tights** come in many different styles, please review carefully the dress code details regarding tights. Convertible tights are those with a small pre-designed slit under the foot. These can cover the full foot fully for ballet or rolled up above the ankle for African or Modern
- **Hair:**
 - Ladies - Neatly slicked back or up into a bun. For shorter length hair that cannot be pulled back into a bun, hair must be pulled back away from face and neck. Loose bangs, fly away, and hanging hair is not allowed.
 - Gentlemen - Short and neat. Afros, braids, and long hair are not allowed.

Students are not allowed to walk around HSA in their leotards and tights; **this attire is for inside the studios during class.** Please remind your children to cover up with at least one garment and wear shoes to protect their feet until they are inside the studio.

If a student arrives to class without the proper dance attire, they will not be allowed to take class. Instead, they will be asked to sit down, watch and take notes. If a student repeatedly (2 or more times) wears inappropriate dance attire to class, the teacher will meet with both the parent and the student to discuss the importance of the dress code. If the situation persists, the child will be dismissed from the class.

THE DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

HSA DANCE DEPARTMENT
Dress Code

In order to maintain a standard of excellence in dance instruction, every HSA Dance student must adhere to the following dress code:

Ages 2-3

TINY MOVES AND BABY SAMBA

Girls: Pink short sleeve leotard, footless pink tights, and bare feet.

Boys: White fitted T-shirt, comfortable gym shorts, and bare feet.

Ages 4-6

LITTLE LEAPS I & II, NIMBLE JACKS, AND MINI- TAPS

Girls: Pink short sleeve leotard, pink convertible tights that cover the foot, pink ballet slippers. Black tap shoes for tap classes.

Boys: White fitted T-shirt, black biker shorts or black gym shorts, bare feet. Black socks and black tap shoes for tap classes

Ages 7-17

AFRICAN AND AFRO-CARIBBEAN

Ladies: Black short sleeve leotard, pink convertible tights rolled up above ankle, *Lapa, bare feet.

Gentlemen: White fitted tank top, *African print pants, dance belt, bare feet.

**Lapas and African print pants can be ordered through the school.*

BALLET

Ladies: Black short sleeve leotard, pink seamless tights that cover the foot, pink ballet slippers, pink point shoes.

Gentlemen: White fitted tank tops, black tights that cover the foot, dance belt, white socks, white ballet slippers. Shoes must match socks.

DISCOVER DANCE 1 & 2

Ladies: Black short sleeve leotard, pink convertible* tights, pink ballet slippers.

Gentlemen: White fitted tank tops, black convertible* tights, dance belt, white socks, white ballet slippers. Shoes and socks must match.

**Convertible tights can be rolled up above ankle for bare foot work.*

DYNAMIC DANCE FOR BOYS

Gentlemen: White tank top, black biker shorts or black gym shorts, dance belt, bare feet.

HIP-HOP

Ladies: Black short sleeve leotard or HSA T-shirt, black sweat pants, black socks, black dance sneakers. Black converse or indoor sneakers allowed. No outdoor sneakers allowed.

Gentlemen: White T-shirts or HSA T-shirt, black sweat pants, dance belt, black socks, black dance sneakers preferred. Black Converse and other black sneakers are ok but must be worn only in the studio and not in the street. No outdoor sneakers allowed.

JAZZ AND MUSICAL THEATRE PROJECT

Ladies: Black short sleeve leotard, black jazz pants, thin black socks, black jazz shoes.

Gentlemen: White fitted T-shirts, black jazz pants, dance belt, thin black socks, black jazz shoes.

MODERN

Ladies: Black short sleeve leotard, black convertible tights, bare feet.

Gentlemen: White fitted tank tops, black convertible tights, dance belt, bare feet.

TAP

Ladies: Black short sleeve leotard, pink tights and optional black dance skirt, thin black socks (if black jazz pants are worn), flat black tap shoes.

Gentlemen: White fitted tank tops, black jazz pants, dance belt, thin black socks, black tap shoes.

***Please note that undergarments should not be worn under ladies' leotards!
An extra nude camisole style leotard may be worn if necessary.***

CAPEZIO AUTHORIZED RETAILERS

Dress code garments and shoes can be purchased at Capezio at the following locations:

1. **Capezio**, 1650 Broadway at 51st Street 212.245.2130 10% HSA discount
2. **Lee's Boutique, Inc.** 276 West 125th, (Between 7th and 8th) 212.749.4590
3. **Capezio**, 136 EAST 61st at Lexington Avenue 212.758.8833
4. **Capezio**, 201 Amsterdam at 69th Street 212.586.5140
5. **Capezio**, 1651 3rd Avenue 212.348.7210
6. **JoAnne's Boutique**, 44 West 125th Street 212.749.4590