

**LVPA DANCE DEPARTMENT DRESS CODE FOR GENTLEMEN**  
**To be followed at all times...no exception**

**Ballet:** Dance Belt

Black or gray footed tights

Solid colored, slogan-less t-shirt that fits to the body or leotard

Black or white\* canvas or leather ballet slippers

\*If wearing white shoes, white ankle socks must be worn with your tights to create a nice line of the leg and foot.

**Modern:** Dance Belt

Black or gray footless tights

Solid colored, slogan-less t-shirt that fits to the body or leotard

**Jazz Elective** (See note below): Dance Belt

Black or gray footed or footless tights

Solid colored, slogan-less t-shirt that fits the body

Jazz **Oxfords**

**Tap Elective** (See note below): Dance Belt

Black or gray footed tights and socks

Solid colored, slogan-less t-shirt that fits the body

Tap **Oxfords**

T-shirts may have short, long or no-sleeves (a tank). No oversized t-shirts are permitted. Please purchase the size that is most form fitting to your body. Boy's/men's leotards are also very nice and acceptable and can be purchased at most on-line dancewear sites or at local dancewear stores.

A dance belt **MUST** be worn to all dance classes!!!!!! It's for your protection! If you have questions about the sizing of a dance belt, you can contact any of the on-line dancewear shops or visit DC Dancewear in Easton.

Frequent washing of all dance clothing and your body is required. Old, dried up sweat does not smell pretty whether it's on your body or in your locker!

Clothing with excessive holes is not permitted. Thread and needle will always be available in the dance office.

It is recommended that students own *at least* four pair of tights and five t-shirts or leotards.

\*Note: As elective classes are not chosen/assigned until the first days of the school year, please do not purchase the specific shoes for these classes until you are notified to do so. Once you are notified, you will be given one week to purchase your tap or jazz shoes.

**Hair** is a part of the dress code. If hair is long enough to be distracting by hanging in your face or on your neck, it must be cut or tied back for each class.

**Jewelry and Piercings: Jewelry is not permitted in the studios.** The only exception is one pair of small post earrings worn in the earlobes. Gauges (18 gauge and up), belly button, lip, eyebrow, cartilage, and nose piercings are absolutely not permitted for aesthetic and safety reasons. If students are seen with these piercings, they will be asked to remove it/them immediately. Consideration will not be made for any new piercings.

**Tattoos:** Dancers are not permitted to have visible tattoos. Be mindful that a dancer never knows what parts of his or her body will be visible in any required costume. If a student has a visible tattoo, it will lead to removal from any rehearsal group or informal auditions.

**Warm-up clothes:** No warm-up clothes or cover-up clothes are permitted once class has begun.

**Medical Devices:** Devices such as knee, ankle or back braces are not to be worn by any student during a class or rehearsal without explicit directions from an orthopedic surgeon or the dance department's athletic trainer.

**Hair Dyes:** Dancers are not permitted to change the color of their hair to an unnatural color. Natural colors are brown, black, blonde, natural red....the colors people are born with! Hair also may not be dyed two distinct, contrasting colors.

**Tanning:** Planned tanning, natural or purchased, is an undesirable activity for a performer.

***Dancers are not to wear their dance clothes outside or for their regular academic classes.***