Appropriate dance attire is essential for the proper training of a dancer. Not only does it foster a culture of respect and tradition, it is important for instructors to be able to clearly see a dancer’s body to give corrections and prevent injuries. Required attire will also be utilized for the spring recital (for the ongoing program). During the first 3 sessions of class, dancers will be allowed to wear any comfortable clothing that they can move freely in to allow time to purchase the required attire.

ALL CLASS DRESS CODE:

- Attire should not be so tight as to restrict movement, but should not be so loose that it gets in the way.
- Street shoes are not permitted in the studio. There will be an area to store shoes and other belongings.
- No Tutus, please. Tutus quickly become a distraction and can cause behavioral issues. If your child comes to class in a tutu, they will be asked to take it off before entering the studio. Tutus will be allowed on special occasions such as free dress day/parent watch day.
- Hair must be pulled back from the face. Long hair must be in a bun. This is not an aesthetics issue, but a safety issue.
- No jewelry (including watches/FitBits). Jewelry causes injuries.
- Dance shoes must be a leather like material (synthetic is ok) or canvas. Satin “ballet” slippers are not dance shoes and are not safe to dance in. Socks are not safe to dance in. Slippers and socks do not provide a necessary traction in dance, and can cause injury.
- We will have designated “free dress” days where dancers can wear anything they want (correct shoes, hair, and no jewelry will still be required). Your instructor will let you know when these days are.
- Dancers are encouraged to “dress up” for parent watch day. Dance attire of some sort is still required, however non-dress code leotards, tutus, etc. will be allowed.

WHERE TO BUY DANCE ATTIRE:

- Walmart/Target have a small selection of dance attire/shoes
- The Dance Shoppe or Dégagé Dancewear in Kansas City
- Footlights in Topeka
- Amazon.com or DiscountDancewear.com (DDW has frequent sales)

If you have questions about the Youth Dance Dress Code, please contact Elias Parenti, Recreation Programmer at (785) 330-7361 or eparenti@lawrenceks.org.
COURSE SPECIFIC ATTIRE:

HIP HOP CLASSES:
- ALL LEVELS: Comfortable, non-restrictive clothing
- Dance sneakers or street sneakers
- No Dresses or skirts

TAP BALLET CLASSES:

GIRLS:
- Pink dance tights (no black, white, shimmer, or footless tights) (convertible tights will be allowed for Rising/Youth)
- Leotards - Can be tank, strap or sleeve style.
- MINI & HALF-PINT: Solid color pink or black leotard (no attached skirts) (Please note that while both colors are allowed in class, a pink leotard will be required for the spring recital.)
- ALL OTHER LEVELS: Solid color black leotard (no attached skirts)
- Pink canvas or leather ballet shoes with laces tucked in. Black Tap Shoes
- Flat ballet skirts/dance (not athletic) shorts optional. No Tutus please.

BOYS:
- Black tights, black pants, black knee length shorts. White or Black T-shirt
- Black canvas or leather ballet shoes with laces tucked in. Black Tap Shoes

BALLET CLASSES:

GIRLS:
- Pink dance tights (no black, white, shimmer, or footless tights) (convertible tights will be allowed for Rising/Youth)
- Leotards - Can be tank, strap or sleeve style.
- MINI & HALF-PINT & PINT SIZE: Solid color pink or black leotard (no attached skirts) (Please note that while both colors are allowed in class, a pink leotard will be required for the spring recital.)
- ALL OTHER LEVELS: Solid color black leotard (no attached skirts)
- Pink canvas or leather ballet shoes with laces tucked in
- Flat ballet skirts/dance (not athletic) shorts optional. No Tutus please.

BOYS:
- Black tights, black pants, black knee length shorts. White or Black T-shirt
- Black canvas or leather ballet shoes with laces tucked in

JAZZ CLASSES:

GIRLS:
- Black leggings, jazz pants, dance shorts, or tights. Black T-shirt, tank top, or leotard
- Black canvas or leather jazz or ballet shoes, or barefoot

BOYS:
- Black sweatpants or knee-length shorts
- Black t-shirt or tank top
- Black canvas or leather jazz or ballet shoes, or barefoot.