

Hello WMAAA Dance Families!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break! This year all dance classes are required to have certain dance attire and footwear. I am sending you a letter with what your student will need in ALL grades. Please find your grade level below to know what attire/ shoes are needed.

Dancewear 6-8th grade

All dancers are required to wear proper dance attire. **Required attire for the ladies includes: any solid color leotard, pink & tan tights (yes both), & long black leggings.** They may wear a dance skirt, jazz pants, and black shorts, but these are optional. Leotards and tights can be purchased at most large department stores that carry girls clothing. Target, Walmart, Kmart, Sears, Penneys, etc. **Required attire for the men includes: any solid color t-shirt or tank & black shorts or pants.**

Kicks in East Grand Rapids is another great store for clothing and shoes. Ordering clothing and shoes online can be found at Discount Dance (<https://www.discountdance.com/>), Dancewear Solutions (<https://www.dancewearsolutions.com/>), and Amazon. **If ordering anything online, please read the sizing information closely as dance clothes and shoes will fit different than regular sizes.** Also please order with enough time before school starts.

Hair & Accessories

Students are required to have their hair pulled up and out of their face. I suggest bringing extra hair ties and bobby pins to store in their lockers. Athletic headbands may be worn. **No large pieces of jewelry are to be worn at any time.** Necklaces, dangling earrings, rings, bracelets etc. are not appropriate for dance class. Small studded earrings are okay. The reason for the no jewelry rule is to minimize injury if caught on something or someone.

Dance Shoes 6-8th grade

If your student is taking dance this year, they will need a few different pairs of shoes. **Gentlemen and Ladies are required to have ballet slippers, black tap shoes, and black jazz shoes.** If your student already has tan jazz or tap shoes that is okay. Ladies should have pink ballet shoes & gentlemen should have black. It is best to have your child try dance shoes on in a store by someone. However, dance shoes can be ordered online if necessary. Dance shoes should not fit too loosely.

Dance Shoes K-5

Students do not have required dance attire except for shoes. Students need to wear ballet shoes or jazz shoes. Preferably pink, black, or white. Students should not wear slippers if possible as they do not grip well on the floor. You may find dance shoes at Payless, Walmart, Meijer, or any local dance studios.

****If for any reason you are unable to purchase certain items, please email or call me with concerns. We will make sure your student has everything to be prepared :)**

Thank you!

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