

Dress Code, Costuming Guidelines, Risk of Injury Release, Risk of Car Damage and Fee Payment Policy

Being prepared is an essential component of being successful. When a student changes into appropriate dancewear – he or she is physically and mentally preparing to participate in class. No one would ever show up to a swim practice in a dress. Nor would anyone attend a basketball camp wearing high heels. Being dressed to dance (including having dance shoes each week) is vital for a student to be successful in class.

Beginning the fall of 2011 – there will be a mandatory dress code if you are enrolled at Dezi's Dance Studio. All preschool students through 6th graders will be required to wear tights and leotards to class. Biketards and unitards with tights will also be acceptable. Any other dance accessories such as leg warmers, wrap skirts, ballet skirts, dance shrugs, dance leggings, gaucho pants or dance pants are acceptable to be worn over the leotard if desired. Dress code for the middle school and high school will be as follows: Leotards, biketards, or unitards and tights with any other dance accessories OR a form fitting shirt with some type of dance pant. The following will not be allowed: Sweatpants, sweatshirts, pajama pants, jeans, shorts, dresses, skirts, or full-cut shirts. Baggy and sloppy shirts and pants do not allow me to see proper body position, nor are they modest as students tumble and shirts fly over their heads. Boys will be required to wear shorts or sweatpants with a tucked in shirt or form fitting compression shirt.

Dancewear should cover underclothing. Low riding pants that expose panties will not be allowed nor will tops that show bras. Dance bras and bodysuits for older students will be encouraged. No bare mid-riffs. If a short-cut shirt is worn - a leotard must be worn underneath.

****If appropriate dancewear, or shoes, are not brought and worn at class – the student will be reminded of this policy. The 2nd time this happens – the parent will receive a phone call making sure they are aware of the dress code. The 3rd time the student is not prepared for class – he/she may not be allowed to participate during that day's class.**

Please look for appropriate dancewear during the summer if you enroll for classes in the fall. I will have a catalog that you can order from that has a great variety of dancewear for a reasonable price. As well – there will be studio leotards, dance pants and dance shirts available to purchase at the beginning of the year.

Dancewear, in my opinion, is active wear. I also believe costumes are active wear. Swimming suits or wrestling singlets are appropriate active wear to be worn at their respective sporting activities – but would not be appropriate to be worn to school or church. I believe the same can be said about dancewear.

These guidelines are as follows: No bra styled tops only. No bare mid-riffs (stomachs), no flesh colored mid-riff inserts that give the appearance of a bare midriff. No foil full-length body suits or pants - I will allow foil capris when a long-shirt styled top accompanies them. No traditional v-necked leotards for older or younger students that drop so low as to show cleavage - even with flesh colored inserts.

Please note items that I feel are appropriate costuming: form fitting lycra leotards, lycra pants, lycra biketards, and unitards. Lycra dance shorts (often called booty shorts) – these shorts do not reach the knee, but cover more than a leotard does. Swing or fringe tap skirts (length of skirts are to the upper or middle of the thigh, not below the knee). All tutus including short traditional tutus and European styled tutus. Short tutus do not cover the upper leg while Euros reach the mid calf. Tops for costumes will not always have full shoulders or long sleeves. Spaghetti and tank styled straps will be considered appropriate dancewear.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to me. Thanks - Dezi Haderlie – owner.