

THE AILEY SCHOOL

OFFICIAL SCHOOL OF ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION DRESS CODE

Students are required to abide by the dress code in all classes. Students who do not comply with ANY aspect of the dress code will be asked either to observe, or to leave class.

Hair

- Women:**
- Long hair must be in a bun and pinned away from the neck and face.
 - Short hair must be neatly trimmed and groomed.
- Men:**
- Hair must be short and neatly cut without designs, braids, ponytails, Mohawks or buns.
 - Facial hair must be minimal and neatly groomed.

Ballet Attire

- Leotard:** white or black
- Tights (*must cover the feet*):** pink for women; black for men
- Ballet and Pointe Shoes:** pink for women; black for men
- Leg warmers:** close fitting pink or black only
- Skirts (women):** short, sheer skirts permitted at instructor's discretion

Modern & Horton Attire

- Leotard:** white or black
- Tights:** black - must stop at the ankle
- Leg warmers:** close fitting black knitted leg warmers only

Electives:

- Tap:** Tap shoes are required for tap classes
- Jazz:** Jazz shoes, sneakers or flexible jazz boots
- Hip Hop:** Black sweat-pants; white t-shirt; black sneakers;
- Yoga and Gyrokinesis:** Yoga mat required
- Body Conditioning:** Yoga mat and two Therabands (one light; one heavy) required

Undergarments

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| Women: | Men: |
| Nude bra and nude thong | Black and tan dance belts |
| Black boy shorts and nude boy shorts (<i>not too short!</i>) | Black, white, and flesh tone tank tops |
| Flesh tone ballet shoes | Flesh tone ballet shoes |

Ailey II Student Dance Attire

Although Ailey II are not required to abide by the color guidelines listed above, they must be in professional-looking, clean dance attire in all classes and in rehearsals. Ailey II students are expected to observe the general attire guidelines listed below. Torn or sloppy dance attire is not acceptable.

General Attire & Hygiene Guidelines – applies to ALL Professional Division students and Ailey II

- No sweat pants, plastic pants, shorts, big shirts, head scarves, dangling jewelry, facial rings, earrings or nail polish on men.
- Tattoos must be covered with make-up for all performances, studio showings, and lecture demonstrations.
- Dance-wear should be washed daily.
- Men must wear dance belts in all classes and rehearsals.
- Women's undergarments must be neatly concealed under dance clothes. Underarm hair must be shaved.
- Men must be clean shaven for all performances