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

Women:

Nude bra and nude thong

Black boy shorts and nude boy shorts *(not too short!)*

Flesh tone ballet shoes

Men:

Black and tan dance belts

Black, white, and flesh tone tank tops

Flesh tone ballet shoes

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

- 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