

CLASS ATTIRE

Why A Dress Code?

From a teacher's perspective, a dress code is a system put forth as part of our classroom management plan due to the fact that they eliminate distractions. Eliminating these distractions allows us to maximize our time together with learning and growing.

A dress code serve many purposes when it comes to dance education:

- Creates a sense of community and belonging ... "My classmates and I have something in common"
- Promote discipline.... "When it's dance class, wearing my uniform shows teacher I am ready to learn"
- Allows full range of movement- "I can move my whole body without anything getting in my way"

Having a set dress code, also reduces stress at home when preparing to come to dance class...."when it's time for dance, I know exactly what to wear."

PROGRAM	ATTIRE	FOOTWEAR
Jump'N Jig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirt OR Jump'N Jig shirt w/ shorts OR Leggings • <u>Girls</u>- can also wear leotard with skirt and/or tights • Poodle socks or white socks 	<p><u>Girls</u>- Ballet Shoes (Black or Pink) OR Ghillies</p> <p><u>Boys</u>- Ballet or Jazz Shoes (Black)</p>
Crossroads Cuties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Crossroads Shirt • Shorts OR Pants no longer than knee length 	<p><u>Girls</u>- Ghillies w/Poodle Socks</p> <p><u>Boys</u>- Black Jazz Shoes w/Black Socks</p>
Crossroads Journey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teal Crossroads Shirt • Shorts OR Pants no longer than knee length 	<p><u>Girls</u>- Ghillies w/Poodle Socks</p> <p><u>Boys</u>- Black Jazz Shoes w/Black Socks</p> <p>Hard Shoes are needed for all Journey levels.</p>
Crossroads Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Crossroads Shirt • Shorts OR Pants no longer than knee length 	<p><u>Girls/Ladies</u>- Split Sole Ghillies w/Poodle Socks</p> <p><u>Boys/Men</u>- Reel Shoes w/Black Socks</p> <p>Hard Shoes are needed for all Academy levels.</p>
Crossroads Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Crossroads Shirt or comfortable shirt • Comfortable shorts or pants 	<p><u>Ladies</u>-Ghillies or Black Dance Sneakers</p> <p><u>Men</u>- Black Jazz Shoes or Black Dance Sneakers</p> <p>Hard Shoes are needed for all Exp Adults levels.</p> <p>Hard Shoes are needed for all Exp Adults levels.</p>

How To Order Shirts

Jump'N Jig	Crossroads Shirts
<p>Below is link to the official Jump'N Jig store for parents:</p> <p>https://jumpn-jig.myshopify.com/collections/jumpn-jig-for-parents-rest-of-the-world</p> <p>You can order shirts, Jump'N Jig Bear or even your own prop pack.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click HERE to get to our store 2. You are now in the store and can begin ordering! <p>Orders are coordinated with GTM Sportswear and mailed directly to customers. For issues with order contact directly at (877) 627-0125.</p>

SELECTING PROPER FOOTWEAR

What Are The Types Of Irish Dance Shoes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ghillies</u>- a soft shoe for girls/ladies similar to a ballet slipper. The lace loops are squared and cut low to the toe so that the sock is shown as far as comfort will allow. Split sole shoes are the most preferred type to highlight the arch of the foot when pointed during dancing. • <u>Reel Shoes</u>-boy's/men's soft-shoes, which look like jazz oxfords with a hard shoe-like heel. • <u>Hard or Jig Shoes</u>- Hard shoes have straps and laces and the tips and heels are made out of fiberglass or wood and are now made out of various stronger composite materials.
What Brand of Shoe Should I Be Looking For?	<p>Creditable Irish dance vendors: Rutherfords, Fays, Corrs, Antonio Pacelli. These companies sell ONLY Irish dance shoes and know their craft and the needs of Irish dancers. If you are buying a shoe from a 3rd party (i.e. Dance shop) make sure to ask them if they sell one of these brands. On Pointe Boutique here in Richmond sells Rutherfords.</p> <p>We recommend you consult with the teacher on the best shoe for a dancer.</p>
What Is Considered A "Good" Irish Dance Shoe?	A good Irish dance shoe should be well padded, fit nice around a student's foot, and have no holes or tears. A shoe that has an improper fit or worn down will not allow a student to perform their best and may also increase the chance of injuries.
How Do I Find My Correct Size?	Irish dance shoes are in UK sizing. You will want to refer to the shoe company's conversion chart to see how your US converts to UK size.
How Do I Know If The Shoe Is A Good "Fit"?	Shoes should fit VERY snug in both heel and toe. Shoes are the right size if your big toe is all the way at the end of the shoe, with almost no room at the end of the shoe next to your little toes. A dancer's foot needs to show a clear point without a lot of extra material sagging in the toe or across the arch of the foot.
My Child Is Still Growing, Should I Get A Bigger Size Shoe?	We recommend you consult with your instructor. Keep in mind that these shoes are made of 100% leather so they will stretch about 1 inch or more. Shoes that are too big will provide no support for the dancer's foot, which could result in injuries.
Where Can I Purchase My Shoes?	<p><u>Below is a list of our recommended vendors to purchase your shoes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointe Dance Boutique (Local-Richmond)- http://www.pointedanceboutique.com/ • Rutherfords- http://www.rutherfordshoes.com/ • Antonio Pacelli-https://www.antoniopacelli.com/ (they have toddler sizes too) <p>You can also check out shoes for sale within our families on our Band app: https://band.us/n/a7aa4e18K1XaX</p>
Do You Have Shoes For Sale?	<p>Yes, we currently have a Buy/Sell group on our Band app just for Crossroads families to post things they are selling or looking to purchase.</p> <p>Click Here To Join: https://band.us/n/a7aa4e18K1XaX</p> <p><u>Be sure to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Name • Item Selling w/brief description and picture • Size (if applicable) • Asking Price • Contact info for the buyer to contact you (we prefer you use email) <p><i>You will need to make sure to either delete your post or mark "SOLD" if the item is no longer available.</i></p>