# WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SEASON AT LADC!

We are so happy to have you with us. We want to keep you as informed as possible so we have listed several things to help with that! Find our dress code, special dates, recital information, due dates and more below. Please make sure you have logged into the parent portal and signed all waivers.

Also make sure you are on our band app for important updates. We will use the app for almost all communication.

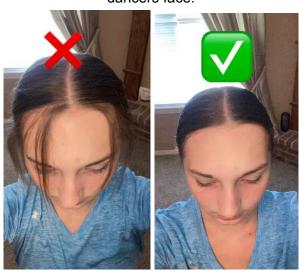
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### **Dress Code**

Each dancer has 3 weeks from date of enrollment to purchase appropriate shoes for class. If shoes have not been purchased yet and you are within the 3 weeks, please be prepared to go barefoot for dance styles requiring more traction. We sell all required items at the studio!

We recommend keeping hairties, bobby pins and hairspray in your dancer's dance bag. This way if the teachers' assistance is ever needed to help pull hair back, we have the proper tools to do so. Please remember the teachers are not readily available to help with hair. They tend to be rushing from class to class so we ask you do everything you can to send dancers fully prepared.

Hair: Please note it is extremely distracting for the dancer to have their hair down and in their face. Often times it will hit them in the eye while turning and is very bothersome. We ask you follow the rule of getting hair completely out of their face and USING A HAIRNET. BALLET grades 4th-12th hair must be worn in a BUN. In addition to being worn in a bun, we are now REQUIRING a hairnet. A hair net is important to keep hair held together. Dancers will be given 3 warnings and then asked to sit out of class. Bun kits may be purchased at the front desk for \$3.50 and include a hairnet, bobby pins and hair ties and charged to the account with parent permission. Grades Pre-school through 3rd grade can have any hairstyle where hair is completely out of face. ALL OTHER STYLES may wear any style as long as it is out of the dancers face.











Note: dancers do not wear underwear with tights and costumes. Tights are built to take the place of underwear. We recommend beginning to get used to this process now so it isn't a foreign concept at recital.

**Parent and Me:** Leotard (with or without attached skirt) and tights. Hair needs to be pulled back and out of face. Shoes: Pink Ballet shoes or Black Ballet shoes for boys.

# **Pre-School-Kindergarten:**

Dancers are expected to be potty trained. If they are not, please reach out to a staff member. Please send a spare pair of clothes in case of accidents.

Hair is required to be pulled back and out of face for all styles.

Ballet: Tights (transition/convertible tights so we can move to bare feet for tumbling) and Leotard. Pink Ballet shoes (split sole only) or black ballet shoes for boys.

*Hip Hop:* Athletic wear, sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.and tennis shoes. NOTE: Tennis shoes must be studio specific and can not be worn outside. Any kind of lace up tennis shoes will work. Black tennis shoes required for recital.

*Tap:* Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for Tap. Tap shoes required. Tap shoes need to be the black patent leather or flat leather with a Velcro buckle.

*Lyrical:* Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for lyrical. No baggy clothes. Tan Lyrical shoes.

Jazz: Tan jazz shoes will be required for recital. Black may be worn throughout class time. Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for lyrical. No baggy clothes.

# Grades 1st-3rd:

Hair is required to be pulled back and out of face for all styles.

Ballet: Leotard and tights. Dancers may also wear a ballet skirt (wrap skirt) or sweater shorts over leo. Booty shorts/spankies, athletic shorts, leggings etc will not be permitted.

Pink Ballet shoes (split sole only) (canvas or leather) or black ballet shoes for boys.

*Jazz:* Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for jazz. Jazz shoes, Canvas or Leather (black is more practical for practice as they don't get dirty as fast however please note Tan Jazz shoes will be required for recitals)

*Hip Hop*: Athletic wear, sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.and tennis shoes. NOTE: Tennis shoes must be studio specific and can not be worn outside. Any kind of lace up tennis shoes will work. Black tennis shoes required for recital.

*Tap:* Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for Tap. Tap shoes required. Lace up, no Mary jane.

*Lyrical:* Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for lyrical. No baggy clothes. Tan Lyrical shoes.

Acro: Form fitting clothing, barefeet. If wearing tights they must be footless or convertible.

### Grades 4th-12th:

Ballet: Black leotard and pink tights. (Level 1 and 2 will wear seamed tights for recitals) Check the events page on our website to view "colored leotard days" where any leo can be worn). Hair MUST be worn in a secure bun for ballet. Dancers may also wear a ballet skirt (wrap skirt) or sweater shorts over leo. Booty shorts/spankies, athletic shorts, leggings etc will not be permitted. Pink Ballet shoes (split sole only) (canvas or leather) or black ballet shoes for boys. Jazz: Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for jazz. Jazz shoes, Canvas or Leather (black is more practical for practice as they don't get dirty as fast however please note Tan Jazz shoes will be required for recitals)

Hip Hop: Athletic wear, sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.and tennis shoes. NOTE: Tennis shoes must be studio specific and can not be worn outside. Any kind of lace up tennis shoes will work. Dancers wearing tennis shoes that have been worn outside will be asked to dance in socks. Black tennis shoes required for recital.

*Tap:* Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for Tap. Tap shoes required. NOTE: The patent leather tap shoe will not be allowed for this level. Must be the full lace up leather tap shoe.

*Lyrical:* Leotards, tights, form fitting shorts, crop tops/sports bras, leggings etc may be worn for lyrical. No baggy clothes. Tan Lyrical shoes.

Acro: Form fitting clothing, barefeet. If wearing tights they must be footless or convertible.

Pointe: Dancers are only eligible to go up on pointe when the following has been met...

- Attended an hour long ballet class for one full season
- Is 12 or over
- Has taken one year of pre-pointe or pointe 2
- Consults teacher for what type of pointe shoes to purchase

### Bovs:

Wear comfortable activewear, non baggy shirts, and appropriate shoes as listed above for each style (black jazz shoes)

# Shoe requirements and recommendations: (we carry all recommended shoes)

Preschool-Kindergarten Tap Shoe: Patent leather or leather are required. See photo below. The



"Mary Jane" with the buckle is preferred.

Level 5 and up Tap shoes: Lace up, leather. Must <u>not</u> be the patent leather. See photo below. (can be found at dancewearsolutions.com or Dove Dancewear in Springfield)



ALL Levels recommended Jazz Shoe: Weissman Jazz Shoe or Bloch Pulse or phantom Jazz Shoe

ALL Levels Ballet shoes: Must be split sole. No full sole. Pink for girls, black for boys. Recommended types: Weissman four way stretch



Lyrical shoe: Half sole shoe

#### DATES/FEES:

All payments are due on the 1st of each month. Any payments past the 5th of each month will incur a \$15 late fee. If payments are delinquent past the 10th of each month, student or students will not be allowed to participate in class. All returned checks are subject to a \$25 return check fee. If a card on file has been declined 3 or more times, it will no longer be able to be used and a new card must be added to the account. There are no refunds for classes or registration fees. Anyone using the monthly rates MUST agree to auto-pay otherwise there will be a 5% up charge. If it is ever necessary to remove yourself from our monthly plan, 2 weeks notice must be given in writing in order to stop all recurring charges. If an injury occurs and the dancer is no longer able to participate in class, a doctors note must be presented and account will be credited for any remaining tuition paid. Refunds can not be issued. If dropping a class that has been previously billed, one weeks notice must be given and the account will be credited for the remainder of the tuition already paid. There is a 3.3% credit card processing fee for all credit card transactions. There is no charge for ACH.

Please note our tuition is calculated based on 38 sessions total and then divided into monthly installments for the convenience of our clients. We do not prorate holidays or shorter months except August. Snow days/closure days will not be prorated but instead other class options will be added to make up the classes.

We offer unlimited plans and sibling discounts. Inquire for pricing.

We offer a 5% discount for tuition paid in full for the season.

Recital fee is \$78 and includes t-shirt, dress rehearsal time, staffing and two show tickets.

Additional tickets can be purchased for \$16.

Recital costumes are \$88 + tax and include required tights (\$15 value)

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

August 12th, 2025: First Day Of Classes September 1st, 2025: Labor Day, No Classes

October 24th-October 30th, 2025: Bring a friend week AND Halloween Dress Up Week!

October 31st, 2025: Closed for Halloween

November 24th-November 29th, 2025: Thanksgiving Break, No classes December 20th 2025-January 2nd, 2025: Winter Break, No Classes

January 5th 2026: Classes resume

January 30th, 2026: Half of recital fees due (\$39)

February 15th 2026: Costumes are billed

March 16th - March 20th, 2026: Spring Break, No Classes March 30th, 2026: Second Half of recital fees due (\$39)

Recital and Rehearsal dates TBD: June 13/14, 2025 (if recital is june 13/14, 2025)

weekend, rehearsal will be the weekend prior)

June 21st: Normal season ends

More information on our Annual Recital:

Recital is your dancer's time to take the stage and truly SHINE. Though not required to participate, we highly recommend it. Your dancer will get the ultimate performance experience with their very own special costume, special dance for each class, special commemorative recital t-shirt, optional photos, optional recital video AND we welcome you to invite all friends and family!

- \*To participate in recital, dancers must be enrolled in monthly classes from February 1st through the entire month of June.
- \*Alterations for recital costumes are the responsibility of the client.
- \*Dancer must attend the ENTIRE recital. Parents can not pick up until the end of the show.
- \*if dancers miss more 5 days of class between April 15th and June recital, a private lesson will be required to help them makeup their work in order to participate in recital

# Other important notes:

Snacks, Water, Gatorade etc will be available for purchase. Water is \$2, Snacks \$2. Gatorade \$3. Auto Charge to accounts is available! Please let us know at the front if your child is allowed to auto-charge if ever needing any of these items. Otherwise, acceptable forms will be cash, and due upon purchase. We will not be able to bill later.

We recommend sending water bottles with students, with their names on them.

No food or drink aside from water will be allowed in the studios. Gum will not be allowed.

We have a strict no cell phone policy. Cell phones are not to be used or brought into class at any time. In the event of an emergency please call the studio number. AGES 12 & Under: To protect the privacy of children and keep them safe, no child under the age of 12 will be allowed to use their phone or ipad in the lobby or bathroom/changing area or studios.

All classes are closed to observers.

### Attendance Policy:

If you are sick or miss class, no refund is available. However makeup times may be available. Please contact us to inquire about possible makeup classes/days. If a dancer is leaving early without their parent picking them up, a parent MUST text or call the studio line to notify teachers prior to the dancer leaving the building. This will apply to dancers of all ages. We ask you respect this policy and follow it as it is in place to ensure the safety of all students enrolled.