

Please be aware that students may wear any dance-appropriate attire for the first 3 weeks of our program. The deadline for all enrolled students to be in uniform this season— for all classes— is **November 1, 2024**.

Why a Dress Code Matters

A dress code is not about restricting personal style; it's about creating a focused and cohesive environment in the studio. Proper attire not only enhances the dance class experience, but ensures safety, comfort, and a sense of unity.

- **Safety:** Proper attire helps prevent accidents and injuries. Very loose clothing, dresses/long skirts and restrictive fabrics (like denim) can lead to slips, trips and falls during movement activities.
- **Technique:** Wearing the right dancewear allows instructors to assess body alignment and technique accurately. We can't correct what we can't see.
- **Unity:** A dress code fosters a sense of unity and professionalism within the class. Everyone looks and feels the part, which makes a tremendous difference! Additionally, the tights and shoes required for class will be the same colors your child will wear for the Spring Showcase.

What to Wear

We aim to make finding/ordering what your child needs for our classes easy for your family. All details are available in our online dress code shop, per the information below.

F YOU HAVE ENROLLED IN THE PRE-SEASON, PLEASE WAIT TO ORDER CLASS ATTIRE UNTIL AUGUST 8, AS SOME REQUIREMENTS MAY CHANGE DUE TO ITEM AVAILABILITY.

Where to Find Your Child's PAW Uniform

Please find all of the required items through our **Dress Code Shop on discountdancesupply.com**.

1. Hover over the '**sign-in**' icon on the upper right corner of the page.
2. Click '**find a dance teacher**'.
3. Search **51633** (our studio code).
4. Click '**school/studio page**' link below our profile information.
5. Find your child's class on the **drop-down menu**, located below our listed phone number.
6. Once on the page for your child's class, **click each item** and be sure to review the '**teacher note**' for required color(s).

PLEASE NOTE: Required items and colors are what your child needs for classes at PAW, as described. Optional items are at your discretion, however only in the accepted colors listed for our studio dress code in the 'teacher note' for each item.

You can certainly find some of these items on Amazon, but should be aware they are sold on Amazon by Discount Dance Supply (DDS), and you get the best price when you buy direct from the

DDS website. All orders will ship directly to your home, and DDS customer service will be your go-to for all ordering/shipping questions.

IMPORTANT: Enter code 51633 at checkout for 10% off your first purchase from our dress code shop. Please also use this code for every purchase you make on the website throughout the season so DDS can keep proper track of our studio families' orders.

Maintaining Dance Attire & Footwear

Proper maintenance of dancewear is as important. Here are a few tips:

- Wash Regularly: Keep your dancewear clean and fresh by following care instructions on the labels. In general, it is recommended to hang-dry all leotards, tights and other delicate items.
- Replace When Needed: Dance shoes and clothing have a lifespan. When they show significant signs of wear and tear, it's time to invest in new items (especially shoes, for the sake of safety).
- Label Everything: Add your dancer's initials to all inner soles and tags to prevent mix-ups at class dismissal time, and performances.

Additional Policies

- Students with hair below shoulder length must wear a bun for ballet classes, and may wear a ponytail for all other classes. All hairstyles must be securely fastened away from the face.
- Students with shoulder length (or shorter) hair must pull back as much hair as possible away from their face using any means necessary— bands, hair pins, clips and/or soft headbands.
- No crowns/tiaras or other large hair accessories are permitted.
- No jewelry or watches, except stud earrings. This is for safety, and damage/loss prevention. Permanent jewelry is worn at the child's/family's own risk.
- No torso-baring tops. No shorts without tights worn underneath.
- Students who habitually show up to dance class without their uniforms after the stated deadline may be asked to sit and watch class after the second oversight, in fairness to their classmates; and no refunds will be provided. Please prepare for dance class ahead of time, as you would prepare for any other uniformed activity (Girl/Boy Scouts, sports, etc.).
- Students must arrive to the studio dressed for dance class. They should never strip bare in the common areas. Street clothes can easily be worn over dance attire going to/from the studio.
- No street shoes in the dance rooms, for sanitary reasons. No exceptions.