

## DRESS CODE

RenArts has no uniform -- but there are specific guidelines listed below for student dress. This dress code is strictly enforced to maximize the ability of all students to fully achieve their arts and academic goals. Clothing that is acceptable in other school settings is not necessarily compatible with the education program at RenArts. It is not the purpose of this policy to inhibit student expression, but rather to ensure that student learning time is respected and not unduly impacted by those who come to school dressed inappropriately for the work they are required to do. Clothing must be functional in an active performing arts setting, inoffensive to others, and provide sufficient coverage that no Advisor, visiting professional or fellow student is made uncomfortable by its revealing nature, whether purposeful or inadvertent.

**CRITERIA:** In keeping with the values set forth in the Mission and Goals, RenArts policy regarding appropriate clothing is rooted in program-based concerns:

- The need for students to dress in clothing that permits a full range of movement to accommodate studio and rehearsal demands;
- The need for clothing to be appropriate for students working in an apprenticeship capacity with adults and in ensemble exercises with peers.
- The need for students to respect personal differences and refrain from wearing clothing that contains language that is offensive to others in the learning community.
- The need to minimize loss of instructional time to individual discussions regarding student dress. The determination of directors regarding appropriateness of dress will be final.

**REGULAR SCHOOL DRESS:** During school hours and after-school activities students may wear only the clothing specified below. Clothing may be any color, but may not be modified – i.e. ripped, safety-pinned, studded, knotted, etc. – nor may chains, spikes, etc. be worn on any clothing or as accessories. Co-directors will determine appropriateness of any questionable item of clothing or accessory, and infractions will be subject to dress code consequences detailed below. If, for the purpose of traveling to and from school, students wear clothing other than dress code, that clothing must be kept in their backpacks during the school day. Any student not fully dressed for school by the time the first class begins is out of compliance with dress code.

**PANTS:** *Must fit snugly enough at the waist to stay in place while allowing full range of dance movement.*

- Karate pants
- Pajama bottoms
- Sweat pants
- Gym shorts
- Dance pants
- NO jeans or street pants/shorts/skirts -- NO belts with buckles or hardware of any kind.

**SHIRTS:** *Must extend from clavicle to mid-hip and provide secure coverage allowing full range of upper-body motion.*

- Crew-neck T-shirts
- Knit polo shirts
- Turtlenecks
- Sleeveless shirts providing adequate coverage
- NO spaghetti straps or low-cut necklines -- NO clothing that displays offensive language or images.

**JACKETS:** *Outerwear must be kept in cubbies unless needed for warmth.*

- Crew-neck jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts.
- Collared jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts.

- NO hoods may be worn during school hours or during after school activities – NO studs or hardware

**HAIR, HATS, SHOES, ACCESSORIES:** *Face must be visible at all times.*

- Hair must be pulled back out of face with both eyes fully visible.
- Knit caps and/or scarves if needed *for warmth only*. Not to be worn during warm weather.
- Soft-soled athletic or dance shoes.
- Dance shoes or socks must be brought to school every day.
- NO other headgear or accessories -- NO hats with brims inside the school building -- NO jewelry

**NAILS:** *Nails must be trimmed short for both musicians and dancers.*

- In order to approach their art form with proper technique and to ensure no damage occurs to their instrument or to their peers, we require that all scholars have short nails on both hands.
- Any scholar with long nails, acrylic or natural will be asked to sit out of their arts focus class and conservatory.

**ALL STUDENTS MUST ADHERE TO THE DRESS CODE EVERY DAY.** Students who comes to school in clothing other than dress code are subject to the following interventions:

1<sup>st</sup> time: Parent will be called to bring appropriate clothes to school.

2<sup>nd</sup> time: Parent will be called for conference to develop strategies to support student's compliance with dress code.

3<sup>rd</sup> time: Parent will be required to sign in appropriately dressed student each morning.

**\*\*FIELD TRIP DRESS:** For community performances and field trips to arts events, dress code is as follows:

- Black dress slacks. Black skirt (knee length or longer) permissible.
- Black tee shirt or dress shirt.
- Black low-heeled dress shoes.
- Black jacket or sweater as weather necessitates.
- NO black jeans, sweatshirts or other casual clothing.

**\*\*PERFORMANCE DRESS:** For the RenArts performances, students wear:

- Black karate pants, sweat pants, or dance pants.
- Black crew-neck T-shirt.
- Black dance shoes or sneakers.
- NO logos, stripes, or markings of any kind. NO jeans or hoods.

*\*\*Please note that students need to be prepared for Performance Dress and Field Trip Dress early in the year.*

*Students are not allowed to participate if they are out of dress code. Don't wait until the night before to find black clothes & shoes!!*