

# JDPA Student Uniform Policy

## Purpose:

JDPA aims to create a professional, safe, and inclusive learning environment. Wearing the correct uniform ensures students can move safely, helps teachers observe technique, and promotes a sense of community and equality.

## 1. General Guidelines

- Hair should be neatly tied back; jewellery kept to a minimum for safety.
- Students may wear only a single stud in each ear, especially for acrobatics and physical classes.
- Students must wear appropriate footwear for their class.
- Baggy tracksuits are not permitted; own sportswear allowed only for rehearsals and workshops.
- JDPA hoodies, sweatshirts, or plain black/red hoodies/sweatshirts are allowed.
- Legwarmers may be worn for warmth: black, red, white or pink.
- The JDPA leotards must be purchased for any students wishing to take dance examinations due to BDTA, IDTA and internal regulations.
- Intermediates and Seniors must have the required JDPA leotard for costuming purposes.
- Students may wear leotards that are not part of the official JDPA uniform, provided they are plain (no logos or patterns) and in the approved school colours.
- For rehearsals only, students may wear activewear in any colour.

## 2. Footwear

- Ballet, tap, and jazz shoes must be black, white, pink (ballet shoes) or tan.
- Foot thongs are permitted but may need to be removed upon request to help develop skin.
- Street shoes are not allowed in the class space.

## 3. Class Uniform by Age Group

### Tiny Dancers (3–5 years)

- Exam uniform - Pink skirted leotard from JDPA uniform and white ballet tights.
- Class uniform - Pink skirted leotard from JDPA uniform and white ballet tights (or pink/white ballet socks), **or** any JDPA T-shirt with black, white, pink, or red leggings, or black jazz trousers.
- Ballet, tap, or jazz shoes in pink, white, black or tan.

### **Juniors (5–9 years)**

- Exam uniform - Red leotard with black lycra shorts and black footless tights or pink ballet tights (for ballet exams) - From JDPA Uniform
- Class uniform - Any red leotard with red lycra leggings, pink/white ballet tights or black footless tights, **or** any JDPA T-shirt with black or red leggings, or black jazz trousers. Black or red wrap cardigans are also permitted.
- Ballet, tap, or jazz shoes: pink, black, white or tan.

### **Intermediates (9–14 years)**

- Exam uniform - Red leotard with black footless tights or pink ballet tights (for ballet exams) - From JDPA Uniform
- Class uniform - Any red leotard with black or nude footless tights or pink or white ballet tights, **or** any JDPA T-shirt with black jazz trousers/black leggings. Black or red wrap cardigans are also permitted.
- Ballet, tap, or jazz shoes: pink, black, white, or tan.

### **Seniors (14–18 years)**

- Exam uniform - Black leotard with black footless tights or pink ballet tights (for ballet exams) - From JDPA Uniform
- Class Uniform - Any black or red leotard, or black dance pants and fitted sports top, with black or nude footless tights/pink or white ballet tights **or** any JDPA T-shirt with leggings or jazz trousers. Black or red wrap cardigans are also permitted.
- Ballet, tap, or jazz shoes: pink, black, white, or tan.

## **4. Additional Items**

- JDPA uniform items available on the website and through uniform store.
- Warm-up layers: JDPA hoodies, plain black/red hoodies, or sweatshirts.
- Non JDPA leggings are permitted provided they are the correct colours.
- Legwarmers: black/red/pink/white.
- Hair must be secured for safety and visibility.
- Props or accessories only when supervised by staff.

## **5. Compliance**

- Teachers monitor uniform at the start of every class.
- Staff will NOT publicly embarrass/shame students in incorrect uniform. Instead, instructors will/may:
  - Provide a quiet, verbal reminder
  - Send a written note to parents/carers
  - Restriction from performances or competitions if consistently non-compliant

## **6. Health & Safety**

- Clothing must allow full range of movement.
- Jewellery limited to one stud per ear, these will need to be removed or taped over for acrobatics.
- Footwear must fit correctly and suit the dance style.
- Baggy clothing prohibited to allow teachers to observe technique and ensure safety. Baggy T shirts/jumpers are allowed to support comfort.

### **Summary**

JDPA uniform ensures safety, professionalism, and equality. Students must wear the correct attire and jewellery, and parents/carers are expected to support this policy to ensure children can participate safely and comfortably.