



## DRESS CODE FALL 2020 VIRTUAL DANCE SESSION

### The “DTH Look”

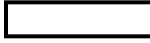


While our Founder, Arthur Mitchell, was a male dancer, the impact of the equity promised by the Civil Rights Movement, raised in his head a question; a question inspired by the experimentation of one of his dancers; a female dancer who boldly dyed her tights and shoes to match her brown skin tone. From that point on, the up to five different flesh tone tights and shoes of the female DTH Dancer would be both applauded and reviled for decades. Now, 51 years later, the rest of the world has caught up to Dance Theatre of Harlem, where all shades have always mattered. The classic “DTH Look”.

**FOR FEMALES:** The DTH School requires all female students wear flesh toned tights, slippers, and/or pointe shoes to match as close to the student’s natural skin tone as possible. This will prevent a break in the visual “line”, from the top of their head to the tip of their toes.

**TIGHTS:** Students taking Modern (Horton) or African must take class in bare feet, so it is necessary to purchase “transitional tights”. Students are expected to wear tights without runs or holes.



**LEOTARDS:** Leotards are color coded according to School Program and Level as follows:

<b>Tendu Program</b>	<b>Pre-Dance and Pre-Ballet</b>	<b>White Tank</b>	
<b>Lower School</b>	<b>Levels 1, 2, 3</b>	<b>Lavender Tank</b>	
<b>Upper School</b>	<b>Levels 4 - 7, DF-1, DF 2/3</b>	<b>Deep Purple Tank</b>	

### **FOR MALES:**

**Lower/Upper School:** The male uniform for all levels consists of a fitted white dance top. No regular tee shirts. Tights/leggings must be black, coupled with a dance belt (older boys), and black Ballet shoes.

**Tendu:** Tendu boys only should wear black leggings, white socks, and white Ballet slippers.

**HAIR:** Female students must wear their hair swept back and up in a secured ballet bun. Bun placement should be at the crown and NOT forward close to the hairline at the forehead. Braids are accepted but should not exceed a length much lower than the shoulder. The thickness of the braids should allow for a safe, secure, appropriately sized ballet bun **that does not move**. Females with short hair must keep their hair neat, secure and away from the face.



Male students must wear their hair neat and short. Long hair must be secured back and away from the face without heavy facial hair.

### **OTHER ATTIRE**

**African Dance:** Female students can wear a lapa during African dance class. Fabric can be tied around the waist as a substitute. Male students should wear their regular DTH uniform.



**Jazz Fusion Class:** Students should wear their DTH Dress Code. All hair should remain fastened as worn in Ballet class.

If obtaining the DTH School uniform is a hardship, female students can wear a black tank leotard and flesh toned tights and shoes.

Tendu and Lower School Male Students may wear black shorts instead of full tights.

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