

SAA Class Uniform Policy

A large part of what we do at SAA is to help our families raise people of character. We know that studying a discipline in the arts (dance, drama, music) is a foundational element in building that character. Therefore, we are committed to striving for excellence and raising the level of respect by enforcing a uniform policy.

At SAA, we use colors for each of our levels. It is a visible sign of progression and growth that motivates the artist to the next level. Uniformity in the classroom also helps the students start from a place that is neutral (vital for actors to develop characters) and allows the teacher to better see and assess that the correct technique is being used.

By arriving on time, in uniform, with correct shoes, and hair in place, we are building responsibility and respect for the art form the student is studying.

Our colors/levels:

- Renaissance - pink
- Baroque - blue
- Classical - purple/lavender
- Impressionist - black (green)

Each age level will have a uniform color for their leotard or t-shirt and be paired with appropriate bottoms and shoes, depending on the class.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: My child takes classes at several levels. Will she be required to change leotards in between classes?

A: Generally, if you attend a class that is a level up or down from your regular level, you will wear your regular level color.

Q: Will this uniform policy be enforced?

A: That is a terrific question. YES, we will enforce this dress code. A dress code does not work if it is not enforced.

Q: HOW will you enforce the dress code?

A: We have a “three strikes and you are out” policy.

First offense. A warning from the teacher, a note home, and an email reminding you of the uniform requirement and how to purchase it.

Second offense. The student will be asked to sit and observe the class. They will be sent home with a note, and we’ll send an email stating they will not be allowed back into class without the approved uniform (and hairstyle, if applicable).

Third offense. The student will not be permitted in class and will be asked to go to the Front Desk and contact a parent to take them home. You can also expect a call from us this week.

We are confident that the uniforms will keep respect in the classroom and demonstrate character in your artist.

Remember: “**Fun Week**” is the appropriate time to wear a different color than the uniform policy states, but please continue to have the correct shoes and hair, as this is key in learning a discipline.