

Clothing at Claude Watson School for the Arts

DRESS CODE

The Toronto District School Board adopted policy P.042 SCH: Appropriate Dress in April of 2002. The document directs all TDSB schools to establish a dress code to be followed by all students and members of the school community.

Statement of Principle

The Appropriate Dress Code of Claude Watson School for the Arts is intended to lead to a safe and respectful learning and teaching environment. The dress code is based on principles of respect, safety and cultural diversity. The dress code does not restrict in any way a student's right to dress in a manner that is prescribed by religious, cultural, ethnic or similar tenets and customs.

Appropriate Dress

Students are encouraged to maintain dress and appearance appropriate for the professional atmosphere of the school. In particular, students must:

- a) wear clothing and jewelry in a manner that does not present either a health or safety risk to the individual wearing it or to others (e.g., jewelry must be removed for dance and physical education classes)
- b) shorts and sleeveless shirts may be worn as long as they adequately cover the body and underwear is not visible (e.g., shorts that are reasonable in length and tops that cover the midriff and chest);
- c) maintain good personal hygiene, no perfume and no cologne
- d) Wear uniforms as prescribed at uniform mandated events

Inappropriate Dress

Inappropriate dress refers to a standard of attire which does not meet the school community standards of decency. Inappropriate dress at CWSA includes the following:

- a) language and/or any representations on attire that indicates gang affiliation;
- b) attire with inappropriate logos or writing that depicts violence, profanity, sexual messages, racial or gender discrimination or discrimination of any kind;
- c) attire that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group;
- d) attire that fails to adequately cover the individual's body (e.g., the top must meet the bottom and the bottom must meet the top at all times so that underwear is not visible)
- e) hats, headgear (e.g., bandanas, kerchiefs, headbands, "do-rags" and sunglasses are considered outdoor clothing and are not to be worn indoors).
- f) Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times unless directed otherwise for specific Arts programs

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE UNIFORM

When at official functions all Claude Watson students are required to wear the Official Claude Watson Performance Uniform as outlined in the chart you received at the start of the school year. When students are performing, parents are requested to check their child's appearance to ensure that the student is properly attired.

White long-sleeved shirt with school logo
School tie
Black dress pants or kilt
Black socks
Black dress shoes

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLOTHING

For health and hygiene reasons, all students are required to wear athletic wear during physical education classes.

Running shoes
Black CWSA t-shirt with logo
Black CWSA shorts with logo
Black CWSA track pants with logo

DANCE CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

All students study national dance, creative modern, and jazz. Ballet is an option. In order that students can receive the maximum benefit from each class, it is essential that all students be properly equipped for each class.

Students are required to have their name on all articles of clothing.

BOYS

National Dance

- . Black dance pants, black CWSA T-shirt, ballet or gymnastic slippers (black) or soft leather jazz shoes
- . Grade 7/8 jazz oxfords

Creative Modern

- Black CWSA T-shirt, black CWSA dance pants or black CWSA sweat pants
- No shoes required

Jazz/Tap

- . Black CWSA T-shirt, black CWSA dance pants or black CWSA sweat pants. Jazz shoes - Tap shoes required in the spring.

Ballet

- . Black tights, white T-shirt, white socks, white or black ballet slippers

GIRLS

National Dance

- . Black scoop neck, sleeveless tank leotard, character skirt – ribbon trim optional. (This is a full Circular skirt) in the pattern books in the costume section), jazz shoes, ballet slippers or character shoes

Creative Modern

- . Black scoopneck sleeveless tank leotard – CWSA fitted T-shirt (optional) over leotard
- Black CWSA dance pants(preferred) or black CWSA sweat pants(acceptable). No shoes

Jazz/Tap

- . Black scoopneck sleeveless tank leotard – CWSA fitted T-shirt (optional) over leotard
- Black CWSA dance pants(preferred) or black CWSA sweat pants(acceptable). Soft leather jazz shoes and Tap shoes required in spring.

Ballet

- . Pink tights, pink ballet slippers, black tank leotard

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND OPTIONAL ITEMS

Dance teachers will review the appropriate active wear with the students.

Students with long hair must have it pulled back with a clip or elastic, since dance involves a great deal of head movement and the neck and face should be visible from all angles.

Students are encouraged to keep a towel and some deodorant at school since dance classes are frequently very active and strenuous. Black character shoes with Cuban heels are optional for girls taking National Dance. Black Oxford shoes are optional for boys taking National Dance.

Students with very sensitive knees are encouraged to wear knee pads.

Jewelry including, necklaces, bracelets, watches & dangling earrings must be removed before dance classes begin for safety purposes.

If financial assistance is required to purchase any of the articles of clothing outlined above, contacting the school principal is all that is necessary.

VISUAL ARTS CLOTHING

Students should have an art smock or art shirt for studio activities.