

Dance Arts Academy provides professional dance training in an inspirational, warm and friendly atmosphere. Early exposure to caring, professional teachers with national experience and recognition will shape a dancer's education from the very start. We have some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and are confident that affiliation with this outstanding faculty will benefit all aspects of a dancer's life. We feel that progress for both the serious and recreational dancer is best realized in a professional atmosphere where students and teachers are treated with dignity and respect. DAA provides a healthy, positive, and supportive atmosphere for our student's development of a strong work ethic, grace, poise, and physical and emotional well being.

Everyone that studies at DAA plays a unique and important part in keeping our studio one of the top schools in the country. Our performance company, Company Dance Traverse (CDT) has been selected as Michigan's representative at the "Dance Excellence" International Dance Festival in Los Angeles for the past five years. In addition, CDT has earned the "**Class Act Honor**" both Regionally and Nationally in New York City at The New York City Dance Alliance. This is awarded to the group that best displays professional, quality, age appropriate choreography, and performs all of their pieces with class and professionalism. This is a great honor, and one that we share with all of you. We expect all of our students to uphold this honor and abide by all of the Dance Arts Academy rules and procedures. Parents, please help us achieve "Class Act" behavior from all of our students.

Dress Code

We expect all our students to abide by the dress code, and have hair pulled back as detailed in etiquette. We ask that ballet shoes for all Creative Movement, Pre Ballet, and Ballet classes be Bloch, Capezio, Sansha, or Wear Moi brands. Please note – no jewelry allowed in classes!

Creative Movement, Dance Exploration, Pre-Ballet: Light Pink leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

Ballet Elements: Light Purple leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

Children's Continuing Ballet: Light Blue leotard, Light Blue skirt, pink tights and ballet shoes

Children's Intermediate Ballet: Navy Blue leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

Children's Advanced 1 / ITP 1 Ballet: Burgundy leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

Children's Advanced 2 / ITP 2 Ballet: Black leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

Pre-Teen, Teen, & Adult (all levels) / ITP 9 Ballet: Black leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

ITP 12 Ballet: Solid Color leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

Cecchetti Ballet: Black leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes

Pointe & Variations: Class color as above

Contemporary/Modern/Fusion: Class color as above (optional dance shorts), barefoot

Jazz, Musical Theater, Tap: Class color as above (optional dance shorts), with black jazz/tap shoes thru Continuing levels, tan jazz/tap shoes Intermediate level and above

Hip-Hop (all levels): T-shirts or Hip-Hop attire will be permitted in this class only, with black hip-hop shoes all levels except ITP 9 & 12 (No street shoes)

Guys (all classes): White t-shirt or tank, Black tights, black sweat pants or jazz pants, Black ballet shoes

Pilates/Yoga: Comfortable clothes you can move in and a pilates or yoga mat

Zumba, Cardio Hip-Hop: Comfortable clothes you can move in and supportive indoor shoes (No street shoes)

Etiquette

Appearance: All children in Light Pink dress code (Creative Movement, Dance Exploration, and Pre-Ballet Programs) may wear their hair neatly pulled back and off the neck. All other dancers are required to have their hair (including bangs) neatly secured in a bun.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes as absences inhibit progress. Students should be ready for class at the designated time, in appropriate dress code.

Tardiness: Students arriving late for class, should wait outside the entrance to his/her studio until the instructor motions the dancer to join the class.

Make-ups: Missed classes may be made up within the term incurred, but not transferred to another term or another student. Make-ups are allowed in comparable classes or below. Please provide instructor with a make-up slip (available at front desk) when the class is made up.

Drop Off/Pick Up: Students should arrive no more that 15 minutes prior to class and be picked up immediately following class. Please note the "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" posting along the sidewalk in front of the studio and Diva. Please do not park in this area.

Incllement Weather

When Traverse City Area Public Schools cancels daytime classes due to bad weather, DAA will also close. When Northwestern Michigan College cancels evening classes due to bad weather, DAA will also close. We encourage you to use good discretion when traveling on Northern Michigan roads.