

2024 DRESS REHEARSAL

It's a split week: May 6, 7, 8, and 16, 2024

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE DRESS REHEARSAL

Dress rehearsal attendance is **mandatory** for all participating recital performers. The main purpose is to solidify spacing as a group on the stage, make sure costumes/hair hold properly, and to get accustomed to all the recital procedures.

Please make sure to arrive at the RLHS auditorium 20 minutes **before** your scheduled dress rehearsal time, as the instructors need this time to go over recital-day procedures beforehand.

All costumes will be handed out in class the week before rehearsal. Keep them at home in a safe place away from small children, pets, etc. Please do not allow your child to put on the costume or take it out of the plastic garment bag for any reason. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

WHAT SHOULD MY DANCER WEAR TO DRESS REHEARSAL?

On dress rehearsal day, please have the dancer come completely dressed in their costume, including all accessories! One purpose of dress rehearsal is to make sure the costume and all accessories (such as hair pieces) hold correctly while they dance. Also, we look to see if any changes or last-minute alterations need to be made to their costume.

An email will be sent with uniform hair directions for each class in April. (It will be simple! Either a bun or ponytail, and high or low, etc.) Please have hair done as directed for dress rehearsal along with some stage makeup if you choose.

Makeup is not mandatory, but highly recommended. The bright stage lights can flush out the dancers face if they do not wear makeup. Cheek and lip color are the most important.

Lastly, please do not forget the correct shoes on rehearsal day. If you have any questions regarding what shoes should be worn, please ask the class instructor.

THE DAY OF DRESS REHEARSAL

When you arrive, enter through doors S1 located on the south side of the Rice Lake High School. A staff member will then show the dancer where their assigned seat is located inside the auditorium. Pictures and pre-ordered recital t-shirts will **NOT** be available during dress rehearsal. Since our dress rehearsal is one week earlier than originally planned, pictures and t-shirts will be handed out the week of **May 13-15** in the studio during our last week of class. Please know, you will not be able to receive your pictures, rehearse, or perform in the recital if you have an outstanding balance. Thank you for your understanding!

Inside the auditorium, each dance class will have a row of reserved seats in the "Dancer Seating Area." All dancers need to be seated in those seats and wait to be called by a staff member to rehearse. The staff member will lead the class backstage during dress rehearsal and recital. This happens before their scheduled rehearsal time. The assigned rehearsal time = the time they are rehearsing on stage. This is why we require everyone arrive at least 20 minutes before their scheduled rehearsal time. We try to make all procedures the dancers will follow during dress rehearsal match exactly what they will need to do for the recital.

Once the dancer is finished rehearsing, they will be instructed to return to their reserved row of seats inside the auditorium. Parents: This is where you can pick up your child after dress rehearsal **AND** after their recital. Please do not go backstage searching for them. Your child will know to wait for you in their reserved row of seats in the auditorium. After the class is done rehearsing, you are free to leave!