



Guidelines for Dress Rehearsal and Dance Recital

Lone Star Theatre 2nd Level of Mavericks Rec Ctr 500 W Nedderman Dr Arlington TX 76013

SELECTION OF RECITAL LOCATION:

We are a mobile dance studio in DFW. We alternate the recital location (north/south) every couple of years. Every week our teachers drive to your child navigating construction, inclement weather, etc. We ask a percentage of parents to drive to us this one day for our year-end dance recital.

Participation is optional. Please notify us if you do not wish to participate as 90 % of our dancers do so, we will need to remove charges on your family account. This is why charges automatically post first vice versa.

DRESS REHEARSAL

Participation in dress rehearsal is **VERY important** for your dancer. The rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium surroundings and feel comfortable with their performance, costume, and just being on stage. Lighting, music cues, set changes, and other logistics for a professional show are rehearsed at that time. Dress Rehearsal eases STAGE FRIGHT and refusal to dance.

Dancers should arrive ON TIME dressed in costume, hair fixed "ready to go". Take your child to the POTTY please "try to go" each time you leave your child during rehearsal and or recital. Next, sit in THE BACK of the auditorium with your child until you are called.

During the Dress Rehearsal, **parents will remain** with the students - the dancers will then go on stage to dance while the parents watch from the audience, we do a dress rehearsal for the children to "get used to" the stage and the environment. After, the dancers go and get their pictures taken with the photographer.

Once all the children from your class arrive and we are ready, we will perform a dress rehearsal /practice the dance on stage (**This is a great time to take pictures and video of your child on stage**), then your group will be led to the photographer to get a group picture taken. Purchase is optional

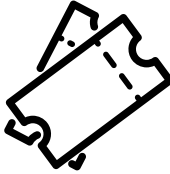
When your child's class finishes rehearsing on stage --go into the lobby area / the photography table. Arrive back 15 mins before their recital time to check them in / hand them off to our staff backstage.



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BE ON TIME AS WE RUN AN ON EXTREMELY TIGHT REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

If you miss on your rehearsal stage time ...We cannot re rehearse the routine as several other classes are next in line to rehearse. Length of Dance Recital: Our shows run about 1.5 hours in length.



TICKETS:

You select and purchase your seats similar to movie theatre tickets online. You will be **emailed instructions** on HOW & WHEN to purchase recital tickets. There is a limit of 6 seats per family until a week prior to the show. You may log back into the site at that time to purchase more seats if needed. Seats will be numbered with a letter and number such as L 15 or G 9 .

Keep track of your purchased recital tickets via your phone to easily access your seat assignments. 2 years old and under may sit on parents laps no ticket needed. If younger children get loud or start crying, please take them to the lobby area, Doors open 20 minutes before showtime.



GIFTS & FLOWERS: Celebrate your dancer’s special day with a single rose bouquet, ballerina bear, special gift (toy), or balloon. Gifts and day of bouquets may be purchased the day of the recital.

DANCE RECITAL ARRIVAL

Bring your child to us completely ready-in costume, shoes on, etc. Please, take your child potty prior to handing them over to us as we have limited staff that cannot leave the other children to assist a child in costume with potty.

After you have taken your child “potty”, our staff takes your child behind the RESTRICTED STAFF ONLY AREA. Only the child (no adults) will be permitted behind this blue curtain room divided area This is our backstage room for the recital, so please have your child completely in costume, hairpiece on, shoes on, etc. --ready to go.

Parents with a child in TWO dance classes will need to change into a second costume. These few parents are given a special access badge to come backstage to assist their child.

When you hand over your child to DLS staff for recital time. **YOU WILL THEN – Un-pin the YELLOW WRIST BAND** from your child’s back and place it on your wrist to later, RETRIEVE YOUR CHILD from the stage at the end of the show when we hand out the dance trophies.

DISMISSAL

Immediately after your child receives their trophy the parent. **ONLY THE PERSON with the WRISTBAND retrieves your child FROM THE STAGE.** DLS staff will hand your child over to you, hand in hand at that time.

Family who wishes to greet performers or present flowers should do so in the lobby

“Dressing Room”/Waiting Room: Children will not “dress” or “undress” since they will arrive ALREADY in costume. Due to safety concerns, all students will be required to remain in the dressing room during recital until their turn on stage.

They will be entertained w fun toys. Only students and authorized staff will be allowed in the dressing room. Please do not attempt to pick up your child during the performance.

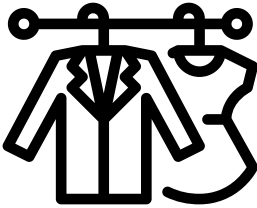
All students will be under the supervision of an authorized DLS staff member.

TUITION



All outstanding balances for the year must be paid in full by May 1st. Anyone with an outstanding balance on the day of dress rehearsal will be asked to pay in full or your child will not be able to dance in the recital.

COSTUMES



We spend many hours selecting and processing costumes and accessories for each class. They are always age-appropriate and of the highest quality compared to most. Our teachers measured your dance student’s costume size in class. However, due to the age group transitioning from toddler clothing to children’s sizes.

Some costumes may require minor alterations due to size or have straps or ribbons that must be attached. Alterations are the responsibility of the parent. Costumes are handed out in April or May provided your account is in order.

Once you receive your costume, please do not allow your child to play or wear their costume until dance recital. Accessories go missing, stains appear on the costumes, and replacement costumes cannot be ordered.

Please no videography or photography of children other than your own. You may video the performance and take pictures at DRESS REHEARSAL. Please be respectful of others. Do not block the aisles at any time.

SECURITY REQUEST



This is a pre-school function being held on school property. ANY & ALL FIREARMS etc. ARE NOT PERMITTED on the premise. Per Penal Code Section 46.03

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY should any domestic issue occur, an uninvited guest shows up, a person(s) with a protective order against them, or any altercation. Hired Security will be present at the venue.



SHY NERVOUS CHILDREN

When you come for the Dance Recital, you will drop your child off at the recital check in area with a DLS staff member and then go sit in the audience.

Your dancer will be **in a group with the other dancers from her school**. All our dance teachers are also backstage **with their classes** while they wait to go on stage. When they go on stage, the dance teacher is directly in front of the stage and they are watching her know what to do.

I have two to three dancers who do not dance at the dress rehearsal, but when they come back later for the dance recital they do dance. Also, I stand off to the side of the stage, if ever we have a student who cries I will pick them up or stand behind them to help them feel better.

Teaching 3–5-year-old is our specialty. Typically, I only have 1-2 students who will refuse to dance out of around 350. So no need to be concerned, we will help her/him through it.