

Why is DRESS REHEARSAL important?

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 any STAGE FRIGHT. Your dancer may dance best at rehearsal or during the recital, hopefully both.

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 dancer until they are called.

During the Dress Rehearsal, **parents will remain with their dancer** - 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. Then 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.

When your child’s class finishes rehearsing on stage --go into the lobby area / the photography table. After group and individual pictures, you may leave with your child. Arrive back **15 mins before their recital time** to check them hand them off to our staff backstage.

***BE ON TIME* AS WE RUN AN ON EXTREMELY TIGHT 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.