



Dress Rehearsal!

A Dress Rehearsal is basically a practice recital. We perform all of the dances in the same order that they are in during the recital. Dress Rehearsal is a fun way to get accustomed to performing. It is very important that your child participates in this rehearsal. Notify us immediately if your child can not attend.

Dress Rehearsal will be **Friday June the 8th at 6:30 p.m.** (parents please note the change in time from previous years). Dancers need to be at the Eudora High School Auditorium in full costume **no later than 6:00 p.m.** Doors will open at 5:30 for anyone who wants to come early to warm up and stretch. Students are welcome to bring games that they are willing to share with other children. Dancers may bring water backstage with them. Absolutely no food, candy, or gum backstage or in the Auditorium. We don't want to risk spilling on costumes right before the recital.

Dancers will be assigned a room backstage with their classmates. We will have classrooms marked so they will be easy to find. Their classroom is where they will remain while they are not performing. This is where students will also keep their costumes, shoes, and other personal possessions. **To alleviate the traffic we are not allowing parents in the backstage area during the recital.** We are doing this for your child's benefit, we have many dancers participating in the show thus causing little room in the backstage area. If your child has separation anxiety and you feel that you need to be with him or her backstage it is recommended that you volunteer to be a stage attendant. Our stage attendants (parent volunteers) will be informed by Amanda's Dance Academy on how to best handle situations occurring during the recital. Their job is to be back stage with students to make sure that everything goes smoothly. We love our stage attendants and appreciate everything that they do for our dancers. We expect everyone to treat them respectfully.

Dress Rehearsal is a chance for dancers to learn how to behave backstage. For some of our students this will be their first recital, so there is a lot to learn. Dancers will need to be in full costume with hair and stage make-up done. It is important that students get to practice doing the dance on stage under the lights with costumes on. This way they are more confident going into the show. Students will get the opportunity to take advantage of learning how to change costumes quickly, this is very important for our students that have 2 or more costume changes. Hair and make-up is also tested during the dress rehearsal. Parents if the hair falls out, you will know that something different needs to be done like putting more hair pins, and product in for the show. Or if your child looks washed out on stage, you'll know to add more make-up for the recital.

During the Dress Rehearsal, all dancers will be expected to stay for the entire duration of the show in order to practice the Finale. The Finale involves all the dancers, and is the last routine in the Recital. The dress rehearsal is the only time that we will get to run it with all of our students before the recital.