

# **DRESS REHEARSAL POLICY**

## **Dancers DO NOT perform the finale at Dress Rehearsal.**

- Upon arriving at Monmouth Regional High School, dancers and their 1 designated parent *must enter through the dancer's entrance which is on the side of the building near the main parking lot*. Siblings and babies are not to be brought to rehearsal as only the designated parent with the provided wristband will be permitted to enter the building. For security purposes, the main front doors will not be opening during dress rehearsal.
  - Once you arrive with your child(ren) at the rehearsal, please head towards the cafeteria. We will have staff there to direct you. Look for the sign with your child(ren)'s dance routine(s) name on it and then prepare them to dance on stage. Once they are ready, please head to the auditorium stage area. A staff member will be with your child during rehearsals.
  - If a student is not present for dress rehearsal, they will not be permitted to participate in the recital.
  - Picture and video taking are only allowed at the dress rehearsals. Anyone taking pictures or videos at the recital, including finale will be dismissed from the school. Please inform your guests that it is very distracting to the performers and other members of the audience.
  - Students should come to the dress rehearsal and recital dressed in the 1st costume they are performing in. We suggest each dancer wear an oversized button-down shirt to protect their costumes.
  - No jewelry other than small post earrings are permitted to be worn during our dress rehearsals or recitals. No colored nail polish is allowed except for a french manicure.
  - Hair, make-up (we suggest blush, eye shadow and lipstick), costume, and shoes are to be presented at the dress rehearsal the way they are required for the recital. Please only use light make-up, we want dancers to look their age.
  - For dress rehearsal: please stay as quiet as possible in the auditorium as a courtesy to parents that are videotaping and our staff who are preparing detailed set ups for the actual shows.
  - When entering and exiting the auditorium, do so between dance routines to avoid blocking the view of others in the audience.
  - When all your child's routines are finished, please leave the auditorium IMMEDIATELY and retrieve them. Once your child is finished performing, you are finished for the day.
  - Failure to comply with any of the above rules will deny your child's right to be in the recital, whereupon no refunds will be issued.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT FORGET TO WEAR YOUR DESIGNATED WRISTBAND THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU OR YOU CANNOT ENTER THE REHEARSAL! THIS IS FOR SECURITY PURPOSES AND STATE MANDATES SO THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**If this should happen, we will allow the dancer only into the building and we will escort them back out to you when their rehearsal time is over.**

## **RECITAL POLICY**

***Please make sure all your guests that are coming with you know that there is no picture or video taking of any kind, including cell phones, permitted during the show and the finale! Also, the use of handheld games is not permitted during the show and balloons are not permitted into the auditorium.***

- CELL PHONES NEED TO BE ON SILENT MODE AND PUT AWAY.
- Once you arrive with your child(ren) on dance recital day, only the dedicated parent wearing the drop off and pick up access band are to bring them in through the side dancer entrance. Once your child(ren) is with their class, please head to the auditorium. A staff member will be with your child during the shows.
- Tickets may not be purchased on the day of the show. Everyone, including infants, must have a ticket if they are attending the show.
- On the day of the recital, all dancers must be in the cafeteria **1/2 hour prior to show time.**
- Dancers must enter through the side parking lot door. Each family will be given (1) wristband for (1) parent to drop off and retrieve their child(ren) from backstage. Only mothers that are wearing a wristband will be permitted into the cafeteria to help their dancer(s) before and after the shows. Please inform us in advance if a father needs to drop off and pick up their child(ren). Audience members must use the main doors.
- All guests must enter and exit through the main auditorium doors.
- Dancers are not permitted to leave the high school prior to the Grand Finale. At the end of the show, only mothers that are wearing a wristband may return to the dressing rooms to pick up their child(ren). If a mother is unable to do so and is sending someone else, we must be notified in advance (otherwise your child will not be permitted to leave). This is for security purposes. Mothers must enter through the parking lot entrance to pick up your child(ren). Mothers will not be permitted to go backstage through the main hallway to pick up their children.
- For the safety of all our children, nothing is to be presented to the students during the entire show, including the finale.
- The first three shows will be about 1 hour in length (the 6:30pm show is longer). There will be no intermission for the 10:00am, 1:00pm, or 4:00pm shows.
- If you or your guests need to use the restroom, we suggest you do so prior to the show and for the safety of our dancers, you may have to wait until security allows you to the back area. If you need to use the restroom during the show, please only get up between dance routines so you will not block the view of other guests in the audience.

- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS WRITTEN INSIDE THEIR DANCE SHOES AND LEAVE ALL THEIR SHOES BACKSTAGE WITH THEIR COSTUMES. THEY WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR BALLET OR JAZZ SHOES FOR THE FINALE.
- No jewelry other than small post earrings are permitted to be worn during our dress rehearsals or recitals. No colored nail polish is allowed except for a french manicure.
- Hair, make-up (we suggest blush, eye shadow and lipstick), costumes, and shoes are to be presented at the dress rehearsal the way they are required for the recital. Please only use light make-up, we want dancers to look their age.
- **No photography of any kind is permitted during the shows.**  
We will have a photographer taking action shots of the dancers while they are performing. A link will be sent out to everyone once the photographer finishes any edits.

**The dance studio's policies are made to ensure the safety and enjoyment for our dancers and families. Failure to comply with the policies will result in the dancer's dismissal with no refunds. There are no exceptions and our policies are strictly enforced.**

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT OUR DANCERS ARE  
SAFE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!**