



Costume & Rehearsal Info

DRESS REHEARSAL WEEK

PLEASE NOTE! This week *does not* follow our regular class schedule.

Q: WHEN ARE THE **STUDIO DRESS REHEARSALS?**

A: Dress rehearsals will take place at Elite Dance Company on *Monday, June 15th* to rehearse the finale only, as well as a few select groups (TBD). We will return to EDC on *Thursday June 18th* to rehearse Acts I & II. All dancers must arrive 20 minutes prior to their scheduled time to warm up on their own as we will not be running traditional classes, only rehearsing numbers. This also keeps time management in the event we are running ahead of schedule. A detailed schedule of days & times for each group will be posted as the time draws near.

Q: WHEN ARE THE **DRESS REHEARSALS AT **WESTFORD ACADEMY (WA)**?**

Dress rehearsals will continue at WA on *Tuesday (ACT I) & Wednesday (ACT II), June 16 & 17th*. Dancers must arrive 20 minutes early to warm up. Again, a detailed schedule of days & times for each group will be posted as the time draws near.

PLEASE REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

- **Monday** rehearsal will be a full dress rehearsal *at Elite Dance Company.*
- **Tuesday & Wednesday** will also be a full dress rehearsal *at Westford Academy.*
- **Thursday & Friday** we'll return to *Elite Dance Company.*
- **Saturday** is scheduled as a resting day.
- **Sunday** is showtime at **Westford Academy!**

Q: MY DANCER IS IN A COMBO CLASS, DO THEY HAVE TO STAY AT REHEARSAL ALL NIGHT?

A: No. **All combo classes** will be dismissed immediately after their rehearsal at the studio/and or the auditorium. For rehearsals at WA, please wait in the lobby, not the auditorium, and a chaperone will bring the children out. A detailed schedule for these groups will be provided.

****Note for all combo class parents:** **During the recital**, if your child is in ACT I, they will be dismissed at intermission and accompanied to the auditorium to watch the rest of the show from their designated seats under the supervision of a house chaperone. If you would like to dismiss your child during/after intermission, you will need to sign them out from the designated seating with the house chaperone present. *Please do this in between dances so as not to disrupt those who may have a dancer on stage.*

If your child is in ACT II, they may watch the show from the designated seating and will then be accompanied backstage at intermission by a house chaperone. At the end of the show, we would love for all combo dancers to join us on stage for the finale if they are still present. A chaperone will guide the groups to line up at the bottom of the stage stairs and will walk them up to the stage.

Q: AM I ALLOWED BACKSTAGE DURING REHEARSALS?

A: No. Only chaperones and volunteers are allowed backstage and must remain for the length of the rehearsal. We will offer 'shifts' to our chaperones in hopes that we will have enough volunteers. Please understand that our faculty are very busy keeping rehearsals and the show running smoothly and on time and need your help to supervise the dancers. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in advance and you will be given access backstage.



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Q: DOES MY DANCER HAVE TO WEAR THEIR COSTUME FOR REHEARSALS AT THE STUDIO *AND* THE AUDITORIUM?

A: Yes! This is *dress rehearsal week* and all dancers should **arrive at each rehearsal, as well as recital, in full costume, hair, and makeup** for their first number. Studios 2 & 3 will be used as dressing rooms for studio rehearsals so please bring all costumes, shoes, and accessories needed for that day.

Q: WHAT DOES MY DANCER NEED TO WEAR FOR MAKEUP?

A: All dancers should wear silver sparkled/metallic eyeshadow and black eyeliner and mascara to enhance their eyes, blush to bring out cheeks and red lipstick for a stunning smile! Dancers ages 9+ in multiple numbers should apply foundation and fake eyelashes.

Q: WHERE AT THE AUDITORIUM DO I DROP MY DANCER OFF?

A: The entrance to the backstage is behind the building. Signs will be staked outside to guide you.

Combo dancers should come in through the front door of the school and wait in the lobby until a faculty member comes out to get them.

Q: WHAT IF I HAVE A SCHEDULE CONFLICT DURING REHEARSALS?

A: Dress rehearsals are *mandatory* for all dancers to perform. Being present for staging at the auditorium is crucial for dancers to learn to locate their spots onstage. Tardiness will not be accepted and absent dancers will miss their stage time. Please notify us immediately of any conflicts.

Q: WHEN I DROP MY DANCER OFF AT REHEARSAL, CAN I STAY AND WATCH?

A: No. All rehearsals are **CLOSED** rehearsals and there will be no admittance into the studio or auditorium. We'd like the show to be an exciting surprise for all!

* For our *combo families*, please wait in the lobby, not the auditorium, and a chaperone will bring the children out.

Q: HOW DO I KNOW WHEN TO RETURN FOR PICK UP?

A: A rehearsal schedule will be released with days and times for all classes. During rehearsals at WA, all dancers must remain in the dressing rooms until dismissed by the director. For safety, no child will be allowed to leave without a parent.

Q: CAN I PACK SNACKS/DRINKS FOR MY DANCER?

A: Yes, of course! Water and dry snacks only will be allowed backstage. We don't want to risk staining costumes with fruit drinks or messy fingers. Books and/or a favorite stuffed animal are also welcome!

*Please do not send anything with your *combo dancer*. Activities and water will be provided for all *combo dancers*.

If you have any questions that have not been addressed here please don't hesitate to reach out to us at elitedancecompanyonline@gmail.com. I realize this can seem overwhelming but there will be detailed schedules to guide you. Also, please always use our [recital page](#) as a reference....this is your go-to spot for info! If something is not clear, please let us know and we are happy to help.