



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 the studio Monday & Tuesday, June 15 & 16th as well as on Friday June 19th for select routines. All dancers must arrive 15 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 Wednesday & Thursday, June 17 & 18th. 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 and Tuesday rehearsal will be a full dress rehearsal at *Elite Dance Company*.
- Wednesday and Thursday will also be a full dress rehearsal at *Westford Academy*.
- Friday we'll return to *Elite Dance Company* for select rehearsals.
- Saturday is scheduled as a rest day.
- Sunday is showtime at *Westford Academy!*

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

PART II: WHAT IS A COMBO CLASS AND IS MY CHILD IN ONE?

A: Combo classes are 2 styles of dance combined in 1 class and for children up to age 8. Ex: ballet/jazz combo

A: Miss Gina will distribute detailed and specific info regarding the process of arrival and dismissal for all combo classes.

Additionally, there is a dedicated link provided with info for combo families only on our website under the [Recital 2026](#) tab.

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.

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.



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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.

Q: WHERE CAN I QUICKLY ACCESS ALL THIS INFO?

A: On our [website](#) under the [RECITAL 2026](#) tab! Details are available for picture day, recital date, time and venue, as well as beautifully created visual costume requirement boards. Links are also provided to easily access documents with all pertinent info. Rehearsal schedules and recital lineup will also be available as they are puzzled out. For your convenience, all these documents and schedules can be printed for you to have on hand if needed.

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.