

# Combo Dancers ONLY!

## MAKEUP & HAIR REQUIREMENTS:

Hair requirements vary per routine. Please refer to our costume page, locate your dancer's costume and note the hairstyle specified! Please use plenty of hairspray and/or gel to keep wisps away! Bun donuts are a great tool for a neat bun but are not required. We also strongly recommend a bun net (hair net) if your child's hair has layers that tend to "poke out". Feel free to reach out to Miss Gina individually if you have any questions about this!


Makeup can vary based on what your little one will "allow". If they're resistant please don't stress. We'd rather them go on stage happy and makeup free than crying mascara down their little face. For our older combo dancers (ages 5-7), we ask that they wear black mascara, pink blush, a shimmery neutral eyeshadow and red lipstick. Please avoid lipstick that can smear! If you can get eyeliner on their top lid, that's a bonus.

For our dancers younger than 5, just do what you can! The red lips are the most important part, if that's any help!

## REHEARSAL DAYS AT WESTFORD ACADEMY:

Your dancer will be assigned a rehearsal time slot on either Wednesday or Thursday at the Westford Academy. Please arrive 10 minutes PRIOR to that time, with your dancer completely ready in their costume with their hair and makeup done. You will come in through the front door and wait in the lobby. A faculty member will come out and take a couple groups back at a time. Our rehearsals are CLOSED and this is strictly enforced. Parents must wait in the lobby please! Rehearsals are a time for us to work lighting, acclimate the dancers with their spots on stage, do sound checks etc. and it can often mean starting and stopping the music several times. It's not as exciting as recital day, we promise, and we want you to be surprised.

We rehearse combo classes in pairs which allows each group to practice as well as sit and be an audience while another group rehearses. Once they are finished, a faculty member will bring the groups back out to the lobby and you are free to go!



# COMBO DANCER Rehearsal Schedule 2026

Please read this schedule carefully as these are not regularly scheduled class days/times.  
 \*These rehearsals are mandatory for all dancers.  
 This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

DATE	MON 6/15	TUES 6/16	WEDS 6/17	THURS 6/18	FRI 6/19	SAT 6/20	SUN 6/21
LOCATION	ELITE DANCE COMPANY	WESTFORD ACADEMY	WESTFORD ACADEMY	ELITE DANCE COMPANY		ELITE DANCE COMPANY	<b>RECITAL!</b>
ADDITIONAL INFO	PAC MAN 4:45 - 5:15	PAC MAN, TWISTER & CANDY LAND 4:15 - 5:00 ----- SCRABBLE & HOPSCOTCH 5:00 - 5:40 ENTER THROUGH FRONT DOOR AND WAIT IN LOBBY PLEASE	MONKEYS, HIPPOS & DUCKS 4:00 - 4:55 ----- YAHTZEE & MICE 5:00 - 5:40			SATURDAY GROUPS HAVE REGULAR CLASS TODAY!  ♥	<b>ARRIVAL TIMES:</b> 12:15 FOR ALL COMBO DANCERS ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR AS POSTED

Monday through Friday are DRESS rehearsals. Students must attend all designated rehearsals in order to perform. Tardiness will not be accepted and dancers not present may miss their rehearsal time. We will do our best to stay on schedule but groups may finish earlier/later than scheduled.

RECITAL DAY:

Combo dancers must arrive at the Westford Academy on recital day completely dressed and ready at 12:15. Our show begins at 1:00. Please note that our older dancers have an earlier arrival time but we absolutely cannot have combo dancers be dropped off early with their siblings. It's a long time for them to wait, we do not have chaperones in their dressing room at that time, and our faculty and volunteers are extremely busy finalizing things before our combo dancers arrive!

The drop off entrance is different from the one you will use for rehearsal and we will have signs posted! When you come in, you'll make your way to the combo dressing room at the end of the hall and check your dancer in with a chaperone before leaving. You will then need to exit through the same way you came in, and re-enter the building through the front door where you can wait in the lobby until the auditorium doors open for seating.

Please send your dancer with a reusable water bottle CLEARLY labeled with their first and last name as we have many duplicate names! Please do not send in twist top disposable water bottles. These are forever spilling and most children struggle to open and close them independently. Nothing else needs to be sent with your child unless they are in multiple numbers. Please do not send toys or personal belongings. If they are in multiple numbers and have a costume

change please send their second costume on a hanger along with the correct dance shoes. I highly suggest putting their dance shoes in a clear gallon sized ziplock bag (again, labeled with their name), poking a hole in the bag and then looping the bag over the hanger to keep it all together. I truly cannot stress enough the importance of labeling. While your child may know it's theirs, the chaperones will not and we often have duplicates!

We will ask for your cell phone number prior to recital day and all chaperones will have a list with contact info should anything come up. Please just keep this in mind in case you get a phone call or text during the show from an unknown number!

### DISMISSAL:

Elite has been fortunate the last several years to see increasing numbers of young dancers registering and while that is super exciting (truly, yay!), we must make sure everyone is safe backstage and has ample room. This year, we are changing things up a bit from the last few years. If your child is in Act 1 only, we will be dismissing your dancer to you at Intermission. You will come to the dressing room at Intermission to dismiss your dancer and you are then able to make your way back to your seat or, if you choose to do so, you are welcome to leave (we know some of our young dancers can only last so long!). If your dancer is in both Act 1 and 2, or in Act 2 only, they will remain backstage for the duration of the show and you can dismiss them at the end of the show (more info on this exact procedure later). When dismissing your dancer, please be sure to grab their water bottle and any costume pieces or shoes!

Tiny Troupe is the only exception, as they will be dismissed immediately after performing! Miss Gina will escort all Tiny Troupe dance moms/dads into the auditorium on dress rehearsal day to show you exactly where our little dancers will be escorted out to parents and explain the procedure!

If you have ANY questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We want everyone to be as informed as possible to ensure a smooth and exciting recital day!