

Important Must Read!

Recital Day FAQ's



At CDMC, we appreciate the tremendous assistance and support from caregivers year after year during recital time. In order to give you an idea of what to expect when you drop off your child for recital, we have developed this list of FAQ's. This should help answer your questions when it is time to send your precious one backstage with us for their exciting recital performance!

Safety is our top priority. Our entire Dream Team is Youth Protection Advocates of Dance Certified, background checked, First Aid certified, and CPR certified. We also have a pediatric nurse on staff.

Where do I drop-off my dancer for the recital?

Signs will direct dancers and one caregiver to the Dressing Room Drop-Off Tables in the hallway just past the main entrance to the auditorium. Locate which dressing room your dancer will be in and sign in at the corresponding drop off table. From there, dancers will be ushered by a team member to their assigned dressing room. Depending on your child's age and class, they will go to one of two or three main rooms (depending on the show).

All dancers in children's classes ages 2 through 3rd grade (including Dancin' Kids) must be checked in at the Dressing Room drop-off table **45 minutes** prior to the start of the show. All other dancers should check in **60 minutes** prior to the start of the show to lay out costumes and get organized.

The backstage area is thoroughly secured 30 minutes prior to each show. At that time, no one will be permitted in or out of the backstage hallways and dressing room areas until the completion of the show.

Purple & Green Rooms- Younger dancers will be assigned to one of two classrooms and will have their own chair assignment. Generally, this includes dancers in 3rd grade and below, but varies depending on the number and age of dancers in each show.

Silver Dressing Room- Generally, older dancers will be in the silver dressing room with space to set up Dream Duffels as needed.

A private dressing area is provided for anyone with costume changes during the show. Reminder: All dancers with costume changes must wear a skin-tone leotard under all costumes.

Parents and guardians are not permitted inside any of the dressing rooms or backstage area.

Please be prepared with the following information at the time of sign-in:

- Your seat number - in the event we need to locate you during the performance.
- Medical Concerns/Food Allergies/Notes - special information our backstage staff may need regarding your dancer

Silver Dressing Room- Older dancers who are assigned to the Silver Dressing Room do not need to be signed in by an adult, but will need to sign themselves in at the sign in table.

Who cares for my dancer during the show?

Each of the rooms have two or more designated CDMC Dream Team Members supervising along with the assistance of several CAST Members. Instructors are also frequently in these rooms when not backstage with their dancers who are performing.

Will my dancer have snacks during the show?

Purple & Green Rooms- In these rooms, animal crackers and water are provided. If your dancer brings their own additional snack, nothing containing peanuts or tree nuts is allowed in order to keep those with allergies safe. Please no chocolate and other food/beverages that could spill or stain costumes. Water is the only beverage permitted in the dressing rooms. Make sure your dancer is fed and has gone to the bathroom prior to drop off. This eliminates the chance of accidents in/on costumes.

Silver Dressing Room- Dancers in the Silver Dressing Room may bring their own snack. Nothing containing peanuts or tree nuts is allowed in order to keep those with allergies safe. Please no chocolate and other food/beverages that could spill or stain costumes. Water is the only beverage permitted in the dressing rooms. Dancers will not be allowed to leave the backstage area until after the show is finished.

May my dancer leave before the show is over?

Every dancer must stay to perform in the Grand Finalé for each show in which they are performing. With nearly 200 dancers performing in each show, we require every family to abide by the security measures we have put into place. Every time a family asks for an exception, it puts a strain on the system and jeopardizes the safety of all. All performers will remain backstage through the end of the recital.

May I see my dancer during intermission?

Caregivers are not permitted to see their dancer during intermission. Every backstage worker is assigned an important job. When a request is made to see a dancer, it usually involves office personnel, an usher, a security guard, the backstage manager, and a dressing room staff member. All of these workers must leave their assigned jobs in order to make this happen. It puts a strain on the system and jeopardizes the safety of all.

How do I pick up my dancer after the show?

Each dancer will be provided with a personalized badge. Upon drop-off, caregivers will receive this badge. After the show concludes, two lines will form based on the color designation of their dancer's dressing room. Upon reaching the front of the line, caregivers will give their dancer's badge to a staff member, who will then contact the corresponding dressing room to have a CAST member escort the dancer forward. Please be patient as the dancers may be excited from their performance and might require a few moments to gather their belongings before emerging from the dressing room.

How can I help?

Planning ahead is very helpful. If you have a young child in the audience with you who may need to go home before the show ends, please consider bringing two separate cars. If your older dancer may get hungry in the middle of the show, send food ahead of time. If a dancer's mom, dad, grandma, etc. knows they cannot stay after the performance is finished, have your dancer acknowledge them prior to sending them to their dressing room.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team. We are happy to help!

**THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US IN MAKING THIS A
HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL!**