

RECITAL 2026 INFORMATION

**Our performances are on Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th. Programs are posted on our website, essexdanceacademy.com, where you can view your performance order and confirm the spelling of your child's name.

Please report to the theater 30 minutes before the start of your show in full makeup and costume. Please drop your child off in the gym so teachers can take attendance. Please make sure they use the bathroom before you drop them off. **PARENTS ARE ONLY PERMITTED IN THE GYM IF THEIR CHILD HAS A COSTUME CHANGE.** Performers are to stay backstage or in the gym and will be supervised during the show. Performers are NOT permitted in the audience.

At the conclusion of the show, children will be dismissed from the stage one class at a time directly to their parents. If you will be leaving before the conclusion of the show, you must sign your child out of the gym, and you will be unable to return to that performance. Doors will open to the general audience 30 minutes before each show. Seating is assigned.

PICTURE TAKING AND VIDEO RECORDING WILL BE PERMITTED ONLY AT DRESS REHEARSAL. Each show will be professionally recorded and you will receive a link to view the videos. Your recital media fee of \$25 will give you access to all of the shows.

The last day of lessons is Saturday, May 30th. Trophies will be distributed to each student during class after the recital.

DRESS REHEARSAL 2026

Dress Rehearsal and Pictures will take place on May 9th for our younger classes and guys dances listed on the dress rehearsal schedule. **Dress Rehearsal will take place at Passaic County Technical Institute, 45 Reinhardt Road, Wayne, New Jersey. Performers should arrive at the theater 15 minutes before their scheduled time to dance. Please be in full costume with hair and makeup done when you arrive. Parents only at dress rehearsal. Once your routine is finished with rehearsal, you may go to the gym for pictures.
PLEASE FILL OUT PICTURE FORMS PRIOR TO DRESS REHEARSAL

***Dress Rehearsal and Pictures for our older classes and competitive teams will take place **IN CLASS** from May 5-9. Please come to class in full costume with hair and makeup done when you arrive. Parents are welcome to stay in the waiting room and help with costume changes when necessary.