



Creative Dance Center Recital 2025 Information

We are so excited to provide this information regarding our 2025 Annual Recital – Dance Your Dreams!

- Location: Lightridge High School, 41025 Collaboration Drive, Aldie, VA
- Date: June 7, 2025
- Show Times: 11:00am, 2:30pm, 6:00pm (Each dance will perform in one show)
- Tickets: \$20 (tickets for additional shows offered at a discount)

Note: Each performance is approximately 90 minutes with no intermission!

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem and confidence. Onstage experience can also result in better school presentations and improved social skills. Participating in recitals helps children develop retention skills, teamwork, and adaptability.

This recital information should provide you everything you need to know with regards to what is required in terms of commitments and responsibility in order to make the Spring Recital a great experience for students, teachers, parents, tech crew, and audience members alike. We're going to have a GREAT show and we look forward to sharing it with you!

Prior to Recital Day

These are some important reminders to make your recital day successful:

- If you haven't already, take your dancer's costume out of the bag, fluff out any tulle skirts, and hang the costume on a hanger to release any wrinkles. Put any accessories (including provided tights or socks) in a large Ziploc and hook that onto the hanger.
- Make sure you have the REQUIRED dance shoes (reminder: all ballet and jazz dancers are required to have the specified CANVAS skin-tone shoes).

Recital Day Sequence of Events

- Parents should part at the front of Lightridge High School, on the left side if possible. Enter the school through the Main doors labelled A-4.
- Dancers should arrive 45 mins before their recital time (10:15am, 1:45pm, 5:15pm). Don't remember which recital your child is performing in? [Click here to see your child's recital assignment.](#)
- Dancers should be wearing their costume (or first costume, if they are in multiple dances), with their hair and makeup done **when they arrive**. If your dancer is in multiple dances, please ensure you know the correct order of your dances so your dancer arrives in the correct costume.
- Dancers should bring their dance shoes (and additional costumes if they are in more than one dance) and **NOTHING ELSE** (no water bottles, no dance bags, no electronics). We have very limited space backstage for dancers and their belongings.
- Parents will check their dancer in with a studio volunteer in the lobby. **Please bring your patience as there are a lot of dancers to check in before each show.** Dancers will be escorted backstage by our studio volunteers. *Parents will not be allowed in the backstage area. Volunteers have been assigned to assist with any costume changes.*
- Once parents have checked their dancer in, they will wait in the main lobby until the doors to the auditorium open approximately 30 minutes before show time. At that time, audience members with tickets may enter the auditorium. The auditorium is general admission / open seating and there are plenty of seats for all audience members.
- Meanwhile, dancers will change into their dance shoes backstage and be escorted to the auditorium by a chaperone (or lined up, based on show timing). Dancers will watch the recital from the auditorium except when it's time for them to lineup for their dance(s) and bows. All dancers stay through the entire recital and bows.
- The show will last approximately 90 minutes and will have no intermission. Parents can sit back, relax, and enjoying watching their dancers doing what they love on stage knowing that we have it all handled behind the scenes.
- At the conclusion of recognition at the end of the performance, one parent from each family should proceed through the side auditorium door to the backstage area where they can retrieve their dancer(s). Note: It makes for a smoother dismissal if the guardian who brings the dancer to the studio weekly picks the dancer up backstage.

Tips to make your dancer's day successful!

- Dancers should not wear any jewelry or nail polish.
- No underwear should be worn under "leotard style" costumes. Their tights serve as underwear with a built in liner. If your dancer must wear underwear, it needs to be high leg, bikini style so that none of it shows beneath the legs of the costume. And absolutely NO patterns as these will often show through the costume.
- Don't bring extra toys or possessions other than dance shoes and costumes. **Again, no water bottles.** We are extremely limited in space for dancers backstage and there is no

space to store belongings. There are drinking fountains accessible to the dancers backstage.

- Dancers who are performing in more than one dance should bring their other costume(s) on a hanger, with accessories in a zip-lock bag hanging on the hook of the hanger. The costume hanger should be labeled with the dancer's name. All costume pieces and dance shoes should be labeled with the dancer's name. Too many times, items are left behind after the performance and we have no way of knowing who they belong to.
- During the performance, please NO flash photography or videoing. This is distracting to our dancers and other audience members. The performance is being professionally recorded and all families will receive a link to download the recording over the summer!
- Before and after the performance, we encourage you to take photos of your dancer and their friends at the "Step and Repeat" banner/background in the lobby. Post on Social Media! Be sure to tag us! @cdcva on Instagram, or Creative Dance Center VA on Facebook.
- If you have a true emergency, such as a sick dancer, etc, please text us at **571-758-2320**

This is a fun time to create special memories with you and your dancer/dancers. Your children are excited to show you all they've learned this year. Sit back, relax, and enjoy every moment!