

2026 FOOTNOTES RECITAL HANDBOOK

Please read this handbook carefully so you know what to expect at recital! It contains everything you need to know to help make recital week fun, smooth, and successful for everyone 😊

WELCOME TO RECITAL!

Year after year, Footnotes Dance & Music Studio is proud to provide students with an exciting performance opportunity through our annual recital. This special event gives every dancer the chance to shine on stage, celebrate their progress, and share the results of their hard work with family and friends.

Performing on stage helps build confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, discipline, and lasting memories. We are so proud of each student and cannot wait to celebrate another amazing season together!

Our recital takes months of planning and preparation, and this handbook was created to answer your questions and help everyone feel prepared for the big day.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 15, 2026

Recital Fee Due – \$100 per student

Friday, June 5, 2026

Stage Rehearsal at Lehigh Senior High School Auditorium

5:30pm – 7:00pm - Tiny Tots / Preschool / Level 1

7:00pm – 8:30pm - Musical Theater / Level 2 / Level 3 / Adults

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Recital Show – 2:00pm - Lehigh Senior High School Auditorium

HOME STUDY

To help students feel confident and prepared, we encourage families to practice recital dances at home regularly.

Watching choreography videos and dancing along is one of the best ways to prepare. Teachers may record routines and share them with classes when available.

COSTUME ALTERATIONS

Minor costume alterations or trim adjustments may occasionally be needed after costumes are distributed.

Minor alterations are the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Major issues will be handled by the studio.

COSTUME CARE

Please label all costumes, shoes, tights, and accessories with your child's name.

- Keep costumes in a garment bag or hanging neatly
 - Store accessories in a labeled zip bag
 - Do not machine wash costumes
 - Spot clean only if needed
 - If wrinkled, hang in a steamy bathroom to release wrinkles
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TIGHTS

Students are required to wear the tights provided with their costume package (if applicable) to ensure consistency in color and style.

Please do not wear or wash recital tights before recital day.

SHOES

Costumes include accessories, but **do not include shoes**.

Each class requires specific shoes. Please check with your teacher if you are unsure which shoes are needed.

Clean shoes before recital so dancers are performance ready!

HAIR & MAKEUP

All students should arrive recital-ready with hair and makeup completed.

Makeup Suggestions:

- Blush
- Neutral eyeshadow
- Mascara
- Bright lipstick

Stage lighting can wash out faces, so makeup helps dancers look their best on stage.

Teachers will provide hairstyle instructions for each class.

RECITAL FEE

The recital fee is **\$100 per student** and due by **April 15, 2026**.

This includes:

- 2 recital tickets per student
- Recital yearbook
- Download link of the show
- Participation award

Additional tickets may be available for purchase closer to recital.

STAGE REHEARSAL

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Lehigh Senior High School Auditorium

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Tiny Tots / Preschool / Level 1

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Participation in rehearsal is very important. It helps dancers become comfortable with the stage, spacing, lighting, and show flow.

Students should wear regular dancewear and bring recital shoes. Costumes are **not** needed for rehearsal.

Parents may watch rehearsal from the audience until dismissal.

Food, drink, and snacks will be in sale during the stage rehearsal.

THE RECITAL PERFORMANCE

Sunday, June 7, 2026

2:00pm Show Time

Lehigh Senior High School Auditorium

Students should arrive **30 minutes early** fully dressed in costume and ready to perform.

Doors Open to Audience:

1:30pm

One parent should escort their dancer to the assigned class area for check-in.

After each class performs, students will be returned to their designated seating area where one parent may retrieve them.

If your child is in multiple dances, the parent is responsible for costume changes and returning them promptly.

CLASS MOMS

We appreciate our recital volunteers!

Class Moms help supervise dancers, keep lines organized, assist with costumes/accessories, and help dancers get on stage at the correct time.

We need **2 Class Moms per younger class**.

All Class Moms receive **1 complimentary recital ticket** as a thank you.

VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos and videos may be taken during **rehearsal only**.

During the recital performance:

- No flash photography
 - No video recording
 - Please remain respectful of all performers and audience members
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BACKSTAGE


For dancer safety and organization:

- No family members or guests backstage
- No visitors in dressing rooms
- Dressing rooms are for dancers and approved volunteers only

Please greet performers after the show outside of backstage areas.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for trusting Footnotes Dance & Music Studio with your child's dance education.

We are so excited to celebrate another amazing season with all of our Footnotes families! 

If you have any questions, please contact us anytime.