

Revolution Dance Center

RECITAL Frequently Asked Questions- 2019/2020

1. What is Recital? Recital is an end of season performance for all our School Year sessions. Each class is invited to perform based on technique that is learned throughout the season. All recital choreography is learned DURING the regular class time. No additional rehearsals are required to learn choreography with the exception of Dress Rehearsal – the Thursday before recital. Costumes are distributed to all students during regular class period during Costume Week in May and Recital photos are taken by a professional photographer during regular class period during Picture Week.
2. Are all dancers required to do Recital? No. Between 85 and 90% of RDC students participate in our annual recitals but it is not mandatory.
3. Will I be Automatically Signed up for Recital? Yes! All RDC students who are enrolled in Recital classes are automatically signed up for recital. You can cancel your recital enrollment any time before the deadline. See #3 below.
4. How do I cancel my enrollment in Recital? Cancellations for recital are due no later than Saturday, December 21 at 1:30pm. To cancel recital, you will need to fill out a Recital 2020 Drop Form at the front desk of either studio.
5. What is the deadline to cancel for Recital? The deadline to cancel recital is Saturday, December 21 at 1:30pm.
6. What are the fees to participate in Recital? Recital Fee - \$55/person or \$70 per family
Costume Fees - \$72 to \$120 per costume – depending upon class
(includes tights (except hiphop, modern & lyrical) and photo package)
Costume fees and photos fees cannot be separated.

We will post a spreadsheet online and at the studio, organized by day, time and class, that provides the pre-tax costume fee for each class.

7. When is the Recital Fee & Costume Fee Due? All Recital fees are billed to the accounts on January 1, 2020 and are due **by Monday, January 13, 2020**. To pay costume fee you must either pay for the costume in full OR sign the authorization to autodebit your costume on the autodebit form. If you elected to have your recital fees autodebited, the charges will be paid with your February 2020 regular payment.
8. Why is the Recital deadline so early? We order costumes from costume companies on the east coast. The costume companies do not stock costumes and will not start making any costumes until they have been paid for in full. If we don't order costumes by mid-December, they may not be ready for Costume and Picture week in May.
9. How can I purchase recital tickets? Recital tickets may be purchased online in March using a link from RDC's website. If available, tickets may also be purchased at Dress Rehearsal or at the door if the shows have not sold out. No recital tickets are sold at the studio.
10. What types of tickets are available? Reserved tickets (with a specific row and seat number) and General Admission tickets (first come first seated on show day) will be available.
11. How many shows will my dancer be in? Except for the Level 3, 4 & 5 Ballet production and Dance Ambassadors, each class will only perform in ONE show. There is no guarantee that all of your child's classes will be in the same show or all of the children from the same family will be in the same show.
12. When will I know what show my dancer's class will perform in? We will post a spreadsheet at the studio and online, organized by day, time and class, what show each of our classes will perform in by November 1st. You will then be able to make a decision if you want to try to move classes to coordinate your recitals.
13. Will I know ahead of time when specifically my dancer's routine will be in Recital? We will post in the studio and on the website the specific show order of each show by the end of April.
14. Why do you charge a Recital Fee? RDC charges a recital fee to cover the administrative costs of organizing and preparing for a recital for over 1200 students. Some of the costs that are covered are rent on the theater, professional sound and lighting equipment, backdrops, etc. Like last year, the recital fee includes – Dancer

Tickets to the show the individual kids are performing in, professional and dedicated lighting and sound engineers, and access to a video recording of all 4 RDC Recitals. Costs cannot be divided.

15. How do I know what my costume will look like? Soon after the costumes are chosen by teachers, the recital costumes are posted in the RDC lobbies on posters, organized by Day and Time of the classes.
16. What do I get for my Costume Fee? When you pay your costume fee you receive a costume and all accessories (headpieces, gloves, etc.), a pair of tights (except for hip hop, modern and lyrical numbers) and online access to all photos taken. Photos must be taken during class time during Picture Week or individual photos can be done during either of the two make up photo days. There are no additional fees for any of the photos - you may download them and do whatever you want with them. You are responsible for the shoes needed for each particular recital dance.
17. Are costumes custom made? No, the vast majority of our costumes are ordered from costume manufacturers on the East Coast that RDC has done business with for many years. Boys costumes are either ordered from costume catalogs or are sourced by our admin staff, specifically one of our owners to correspond to the concept requested by the teachers. We measure each and every child in their regular classes starting in the Fall and compile that information for ordering. Costume orders are done according to a size chart and we do allow for growth of children between October/November and June. We will always order the next size up in costume if the main measurement (the girth) is very close to the top end of measurements in the size chart range.
18. How do we handle boys costumes? In most cases boys costumes are coordinated to match the color of the girls in the class. In some cases, the boys costumes are exactly the same as the girls (usually for hip hop). If the boys costumes are not the same as the girls, the boys will be asked to provide their own pants (except for tot and primary hip hop) and RDC will provide the tops. In April, RDC will be mailing specific costume information to the home address of each boy based on their classes. Boys will be asked to bring the pants required to Costume Week so the teachers can see everything together.
19. Why do dancers have to have tickets to the show? For your safety, the Fire Department has set building capacity levels which are based on the number of physical seats in a building. In order to ensure that we comply with these safety rules, we need to make sure we know how many people are expected at each of our shows and that means that all persons watching a show must have a physical seat (unless they are very young and can sit on their parent's lap- ages 6 and under). In addition, it is against Fire Department rules to allow any person to sit on the floor of an auditorium and many of our shows are nearly sold out. This year we are including one dancer ticket per child for each show they are performing in the Recital Fee. Seating capacity for each show will be reduced by the number of dancers participating in the shows. These dancer seats are in the General Admission area. If a parent wants a dancer to sit in a Reserved Seat, you must purchase them a separate reserved seat at full price.
20. Why can't I video the show or take photos during the show? For the safety of our dancers, we do not allow any flash photography at any of our shows. We also want to make sure that each person in the audience has a good view of the stage and their dancers. Tripods and anxious parents standing in the auditorium to take video/photos of their children disrupts the show and ruins the viewing experience for others around them. A digital download of all performances is available for all families that you can share with others.
21. Do I have to do Recital with every class I take? No, you can choose to participate in recital with any or all of the classes you take at RDC. Your parent will need to fill out a Recital 2020 Drop Form for any class that you do not want to do for Recital at the front desk at either studio before Sat. December 21 at 1:30pm. Adult classes, Turns & Leaps, Pointe, Progressing Ballet Technique and a few other classes marked as NR do not have recital numbers. See the Front Desk for a list of those classes.
22. Can I keep my Recital costume? Yes.
23. What if I choose not to do Recital – do I have to quit the class now? No. If you choose not to participate in Recital, you will still learn the routine but you will be placed on the side of the formations and you will not perform it on stage with your class. Your classes will end the last week of April.

24. What if I bought tickets to the wrong Recital? Can I exchange them or get a refund? No. We have already decided which classes will perform in which recitals and it is published with our costume pricing. **It is your responsibility to purchase tickets for the recital your child is performing in.**
25. Can I cancel recital over the phone or over the Internet? No. You must come in the studio and fill out a Recital 2020 Drop Form at either front desk during normal business hours and before the drop deadline of Sat. December 21 at 1:30pm.
26. Can I buy Recital Tickets at the studio? No you can purchase them online or at the theater at Dress rehearsal or before each show however any tickets purchased at the theater will be more expensive than online.
27. Why do I have to pay regular tuition for Costume and Picture Week? Costume and Picture week are charged as regular classes. The teachers are present and working with the dancers during both weeks and the studio is open for business.
28. Can I get a refund or credit if I decide not to do recital after the drop deadline? Recital fees are non-refundable and no credits are given. We will be ordering recital costumes over the holiday break, after the 12/21 deadline. Costume companies do not allow returns, refunds or credits so we cannot give you a refund or credit. Once the costumes are ordered, you will be responsible for your child's costume fee even if they do not perform. We will call you after recital and you can pick up your child's costume. Costumes are available for pick up until October 1st, 2020 and then they become the property of RDC.
29. Does my child have to have a specific hairstyle or wear make up for Recital performance? In March, we will post on our website and at the studio a spreadsheet, organized by day, time & class, that outlines exactly the hairstyle that each teacher wants their class to have for recital. In April, we will include in the newsletter pictures of the hairstyles and photos of the "make up look" that we suggest each child have for recital. We also have bun tutorials available for viewing and downloads. While there is no specific type or manufacturer for make up, you should generally match your child's skintone for the base make up and use basic red lipstick for recital.
30. What shoes does my child have to have for recital and do I have to provide them? In March, we will post on our website and at the studio a spreadsheet, organized by day, time & class, that describes what style and color of shoe the teacher wants their class to have for recital. Dancers are responsible for providing their own shoes. These are the basic options:

Dance Style	Shoe Type	Color
Ballet	ballet shoes	Pink - girls, black - boys
Jazz	Jazz Shoes	Tan- Girls, Black- Boys
Lyrical/Contemporary	Jazz Shoes	Tan- Girls, Black- Boys
Modern	no shoes	n/a
Tap	Tap Shoes	Girls & Boys- Black
Hip Hop	Tennis Shoes	Girls & Boys - black or white (no specific brand)- color chosen by teacher
Musical Theater	Jazz shoes	Tan- Girls, Black - Boys