



Mentor/Assistant/Junior Assistant Spring Recital Expectations

- You are expected to be at dress rehearsal for the recreational classes you assist (competition classes do not do rehearsal). Rehearsal schedules are on the DF website under the recital tab. If you do not dance in the show they perform in, you will go onstage with them for the finale. If you do dance in the show they perform in, you will go on with your assisting class, bow with them and go back with your group for your final bow.
- Everyone is expected to be at the show for the class they assist for (non-competition classes only).
 - Show up **30 min** prior to showtime.
 - If you are dancing in the show your assisting class is in, spend as much time as you are able with your class before the show starts, go backstage with them and watch them dance, and then stop in a couple of times during the show when you aren't dancing to help out where needed.
 - If you are not dancing in the show they are in, try to be in the room with them as much as possible (they love spending time with you).
 - Warm them up → stretch in the dressing room (if your class has a boy, stretch in the hallway). Run their dance with them.
 - Go backstage with them to cheer them on and help them know what side they should be on.
 - 2nd-5th grade classes, stand in the wings and only dance if necessary (in the case that the dancers do not know what is next). We know it is fun to do the dance because you know it but then the dancers watch you the whole time, so please try not to unless needed!
- **Preschool & K-1 Assistants:** Based on teacher discretion: one of the assistants should be on stage with the class dancing off to the side. Please make sure if you are dancing on stage with the dancers that you don't block any of them. Make sure those in the audience can see all the dancers. It is your responsibility to ask the teacher of the class you assist if someone should be on stage. Assistants that are not on stage should be standing in the curtains offstage and only dancing if the class does not know what to do next. Please do not dance the whole time so the dancers do not watch you the whole time. Give them a chance to do it on their own!
- **What to wear if you are on stage with the dancers:** tan tights and all black that will make costume changes easy for you → you could be dancing in the dance after the one you assist for, so you should be able to put a costume over top of what you are wearing if that is the case, or change quickly. (black leo, black booty shorts, black fitted tank top, black fitted t-shirt, black fitted long sleeve, black leggings) **No baggy clothing please.**
- Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks! Zina