

RDC 2024 Recital Costume Info – PLEASE READ!

1. What do I do with my costume now that I have it?

- Open the bag(s) and check to make sure it has all the pieces. Included with your costume should be all costume pieces, accessories and tights (if applicable).
- Confirm what comes with your costume on the Costume, hair, make-up handout. You can find this at the bottom of the 'Performance Info' page of our website (www.rainierdancecenter.com). Email us at info@rainierdancecenter.com if anything is missing.
- **Try it on immediately!** Your dancer should wear only their undergarments when trying their costumes on. You should NOT try on your tights, save those for pictures and the performance. Once they have their costume on, have them move around a lot in it – maybe do their dance – to make sure it's not too tight or too baggy and things like the straps or sleeves don't fall down.

2. Costume sizing

- Although we collected your dancer's measurements and ordered a costume for your dancer that is the closest to their size, these costumes are NOT custom made for your dancer. Everyone's bodies are different, so that means there may be part of your costume that doesn't fit perfectly. That's ok!
- We added some cushion to your measurements to allow for growth and for alteration purposes, it's much better for a costume to be too big than too small. We did our best, but you may need to have your costume altered (see below)!
- If something is just a little big and you can roll up the sleeves or the pants and your dancer is able to dance with it without being a distraction, that's just fine.

3. Costume alterations

- It's your responsibility to alter your dancer's costume if needed. You can do this on your own, either by sewing by hand or using safety pins or hem tape/adhesive, or you can take your costume to a tailor.
- **IMPORTANT: If you decide to alter your costume on your own and something goes wrong, there is not time to order another costume for your dancer, so please be careful!**
- If you have questions about sizing or whether or not your costume needs altering, please reach out to us via email at info@rainierdancecenter.com

4. Costume care

- Once you've tried on your costume and/or alterations are done and everything fits well, double check again that all of the pieces are there and hang your costume(s) in a garment bag and put them away in a closet.
- If you have a tutu with tulle that's wrinkled, hang it upside down so it relaxes. You can also hang it in the bathroom while showering or running the hot water, so it gets some steam. This works for all costumes.
- **DO NOT WASH, DRY OR IRON YOUR COSTUME.**
- Your dancer may want to wear their costume frequently, **but it's important for them NOT to wear their costume again until dress rehearsal, pictures and the recital.** They should not wear them outside of the house and certainly not eat or do activities in them. You've paid a lot of money for them, so keeping them clean and safe is important.
- **IMPORTANT: If you spill something on your costume or tear it, there's not enough time for us to order you a new one. The costume you have now will be the costume your dancer wears in the recital, no matter what it looks like, so be careful!**
- After the recital, they can wear it as much as they want to!

5. Shoes, Hair and Make-up: Your dancer's shoe, hair and make-up requirements are on the Costume/Shoe/Hair doc on our website (bottom of the performance page), and at each front desk.