

## Nutcracker 2024 Performance Expectations

To ensure a smooth production, we ask that all dance parents carefully review the following information in detail.

Please understand that all parents “working” backstage are parent volunteers. We could not run our show without them. It is essential that you support them as they will be caring for your children backstage so you have the benefit of watching the show from the audience.

Dancers must arrive 1 hour before show time, and volunteers 1.5 hours prior. Please ensure that your child shows up prepared with all of their required shoes, tights, leotards, hair accessories, and makeup. For young children, please have them use the restroom prior to arrival.

***Label your child's items*** and pack extras if you have them. Your child may also bring activities to keep them entertained. Snacks should be nut-free (regular goldfish, fruit snacks, pretzels, and water are great options). Dancers are not allowed to have items that can damage costumes such as stickers, paint, glue, markers, twistable crayons, and food that can spill, are sticky, or could stain costumes.

All children must sign in and out, regardless of age. Checking in and out can take time as our runners have to go and get each child. Please be patient and plan accordingly. These rules are in place for your child's safety. We ask that all families stay for both acts of the show and feel very strongly that the dancers in the second act deserve just as big of an audience as the first act.

Please talk with your child about backstage behavior and expectations.

1. At no time should the younger children be anywhere without an adult. They need to stay in their assigned rooms. Parent volunteers will take them to the restroom, help them get ready, and bring them back and forth from the stage.
2. Walking feet and quiet voices are expected for safety and so we can hear parts being called.
3. No eating in costume. Once children are in costume, they must be stage ready. They can stretch or rehearse their number.
4. Backstage volunteers will have your phone number in the event that you need to come to assist with your child.
5. Absolutely no photography or videography is to be taken in the dressing rooms. This includes all forms of social media. If you would like pictures, you must go out into the hallways.

### **Suggested supplies:**

Hair ties, bobby pins, and hairpins, extra tights, skin-toned leotard, water, tissues, unscented baby wipes/makeup-removing wipes, safety pins, hairspray, hairbrush, & hand sanitizer.

Please double-check the [makeup, costumes, and hair list](#)