CK Dance Academy
Spring Dance Recital 2026
Realms of Enchantment

Saturday, May 9, 2026
Three different shows
Performance times: 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 4 pm
Check the grid to see which show your dance is in
Standing Bear High School (11100 S. 70th, Lincoln)

Recital Week Schedule
Saturday, May 2-Thursday, May 7

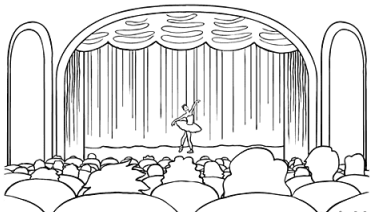
Recital pictures and dress rehearsal at CK Dance
Dancers come to class ready for group and individual pictures. After pictures they will rehearse their dance.

Saturday, May 9: Recital Day

Location: Standing Bear High School (11100 S. 70th St.)
Check the Realms of Enchantment grid for which show your dancer is in.
The grid lists arrival times and showtime.

9 am: Dancers and families arrive for Show 1
9:30-10:20 am: Performance time for Show 1

11am: Dancers and families arrive for Show 2
11:30 am-12:20 pm: Performance time for Show 2



1:15 pm: Arrival time for dancers to rehearse Show 3
1:30-3:30 pm: dress rehearsal (order of the show)
3:30 pm: Audience arrives for Show 3
4-6 pm: Performance time for Show 3

May 11-16 In Class End-of-Year Wrap-Up Parties! 🎉

Picture Week/Studio Dress Rehearsal

Location: CK Dance Academy in Lincoln (4820 RentWorth Drive)

Saturday, May 2 through Thursday, May 7: Ashley Johnson will take group and individual pictures of the classes. You will receive one free group picture and have access to purchase individual photos. You will receive an email link with access codes to view and order pictures.

All performers must wear their makeup and hair as it will be worn for the performance (each teacher will check the dancers for proper hair, makeup and color of tights). Please be dressed and ready by your class time. This all takes place during your last regular class time.
*A+ Academy pictures will be Saturday, May 2 at noon at CK Dance Academy
*Las Abejitas pictures will be Wednesday, May 6 at 6pm at CK Dance Academy

Recital Day

ROOM MOMS/CHAPERONES

Room moms/chaperones are essential to making the day stress-free for the dancers. The chaperone is in charge of keeping the class together, making sure everyone is ready to perform, and releasing students to parents. Please let us know if you are interested. We need one or two for each class.

Yes, you will be able to watch the show. When it's time for your class to travel to the stage you will walk them to the theater door where you will be greeted by a CK staffer. You have the choice to come backstage and watch the dance or go to the back of the auditorium and watch. You then collect the dancers and take them back to the cafeteria.

VIDEO OF SHOW

We will video the show and upload it to our CK Dance Academy-Lincoln YouTube channel. Each dance will be edited so you can share it with your family and friends. This feature is covered by your recital production fee.

TICKETS

There are no tickets to purchase. This cost is covered through your recital production fee. The seating will be general admission. There will be plenty of seating for all your friends and family. **No food or drink** in the theater.

THE PERFORMANCE

- Make sure <u>every performer</u> uses the restroom before checking into the cafeteria.
- Have your performer dressed in costume with hair and makeup done. Specific hair instructions will come from your instructor. The bright stage lights can wash out faces, so we do ask that everyone wears some makeup.
- Remember correct color tights, shoes and **<u>all</u>** parts of their costume. Please LABEL all pieces.
- Performers should be dropped off in the cafeteria on the first floor and be <u>checked in</u> with the designated chaperone. Performers will be backstage with their chaperone for the entire show; no performer will be allowed to leave before the entire show is completed.
- When the show is over, send ONE person to pick up your child and <u>check out</u> with your chaperone. Chaperones will stay with the group until all of the children have been checked out.
- Please expedite your departure so we can get the next audience and dancers in.
- Flash cameras are discouraged in the auditorium as well as digital cameras with light up displays (LCD screens). Please take your own photos outside after the show.

T-SHIRTS AND GOOD LUCK GIFTS

T-shirts are available for pre-sale only through your parent parent portal. They are teal and will have the names of all performers on the back. Cost is $26. The deadline to order is Feb 21.

Good luck gifts are a fun way to celebrate your dancer's accomplishments. These will be available for pre-sale and the day of the recital. Watch your email for more information.

CK DANCE ACADEMY

Costume Care and Appearance Tips

Costume Care

Costumes with tutus should be hung upside down to stay as fluffy as possible. Wrinkles may be removed by steaming or hanging in the bathroom during a shower. In addition to this letter, you have received a picture of the costume with information regarding accessories, etc. If you are unsure what to do with a specific costume piece, please ask.

Please take the short amount of time necessary to be sure everything will be secured properly for the rehearsal and recital weekend so you can enjoy watching your child dance, not fuss with the costume. Routines go by very quickly when students are on stage and young ones are distracted by straps that slip off or headpieces that are not secure.

Please discuss with your child the importance of their costume and that it is not to be used for play or dress up before rehearsal and recital. With this in mind, we ask that you place your child's costume(s) in a safe place as soon as they have been tried on once, and after any necessary alterations have been made. If anything gets lost or damaged before the show, there is no time to replace it.

Be sure to label all pieces of your child's costume(s). This includes tights, shoes and headpieces.

A MASTER RECITAL CHART WILL BE POSTED IN MARCH. This chart will include, show order, hair style, tight color and shoes to be worn for each class.

Hair

Hair/Headpieces: Hair will be worn differently with each class based upon the routines; it is not always as it appears on the costume picture. If your child's hair is too short for the designated style, simply pull it off the face (behind the ears) as much as possible. Please do not wear any additional hair accessories that are not provided with your child's costume.

Ballet/Tap and Ballet/Tap/Jazz classes: Half back/partial ponytail (bangs OK) — for a "half back" hair style, use a tight ponytail holder that matches hair color, pull the front and sides of hair into a small ponytail at the crown of the head. All remaining hair will be left hanging down in the back, behind the ears.

Low ponytail: Hair should be pulled completely back into a ponytail at the base of the hairline. Beginning with wet hair will make it easier to slick back bangs. There should be no loose pieces, or ringlets hanging in the face. Use a tight ponytail holder and spring clips that match hair color and keep hair smooth by using gel and spray.

Ballet Bun: View our YouTube page CK Dance Academy-Lincoln and watch our bun making tutorial. You can access the channel by clicking the icon on our website in the upper right-hand corner.

Makeup and Extras

Makeup should appear heavy to the eye. Once on stage and under the lights it will not appear as dark. (Parents of small children may use their discretion regarding the amount of makeup to be worn. Makeup for small children is not required.) If wearing makeup, please follow the guidelines below.

Eyes: Line eyes with brown or black eyeliner (you may use pencil or liquid but keep the line thin). Curl lashes and use mascara. A small amount of shadow should be worn — use neutral colors that match your eye color.

Cheeks and Lips: A natural shade of pink, red/burgundy should be used to define the lips and accent cheeks. No orange or purple shades. A translucent powder should be worn under and over makeup to set it and keep moisture to a minimum.

Shoes: All ballet shoes should have the elastic sewn on securely and drawstrings tucked in. Tap shoes should fit securely so they don't come off or untied during the show. Check with the CK office if you need to purchase some. Hip Hop tennis shoes must be double knotted to avoid coming untied.

Tights: Be sure to check the recital grid to determine which color tights you need. You should have received a pair of tights with your costume.

Other notes:

Jewelry of any kind should not be worn. The only exception to this rule is if your child has newly-pierced ears. In this situation, small and basic stud earrings should be worn. Also, **no fingernail polish or toenail polish** unless they are skin toned colors.

Panties and undershirts should not be worn with costumes. To maintain a clean, un-bulky line, **dance tights are designed** to take the place of panties. Wearing underwear with dance attire is like wearing underwear with a swimsuit.

Older dancers should make every effort to find appropriate undergarments that will not show under their costumes. **Bras should be neutral colored with discreet straps** or consider purchasing a "made for dance" skin toned leotard to be worn in place of traditional items.

Do not eat or drink (other than water) while wearing costumes. No outside food will be permitted at the theater so please be sure your child has eaten before dressing for the recital or show. If anything gets spoiled there is no time to fix it.

Questions or concerns? Ask any CK Dance team member at 402.423.4048 or office@ckdancelincoln.com