Important Notes about Costumes and Sizing

- In order to receive an optimal fit, *measurements must be <u>COMPLETE</u> and <u>ACCURATE</u>. The measuring tape should be pulled comfortably around the student—not tight or baggy. You may choose to add extra room in your measurements if you feel your child will grow before the recital. All measurements are in INCHES.*
- We order costumes based solely on your given measurements and the size charts provided by the costume manufacturer.
 The manufacturer sends us a costume that is closest to your measurements, but few are exact fits. If a student falls between sizes, the girth will be the deciding measurement (as per the costume manufacturer's directions). Even with careful measuring, we cannot predict how a student might grow before the recital, or if a costume manufacturer sizes on the small or large side. It is the responsibility of the student to make any necessary alterations to his/her costume.
- **Returns/Exchanges are typically not an option for our studio.** Returns/exchanges are at the expense of the student, and can only be made if the costume is in stock and can be shipped to the studio in time for the recital.
- If you do need to make alterations, we are happy to give you suggestions about how you can improve your costume's fit. *Many alterations are quickly and simply done, and we can show you how!* Remember, the costume only needs to look good from the audience's perspective (about 25 feet away), it does not need to look perfect up close.

Need help? Just ask!

Please ask the front desk if you have ANY questions about measuring or sizing costumes. *Although our staff is not permitted to measure your child*, we can guide you through the process to ensure a correct measurement. Measuring tape is available to use at the front desk.

