

# Applause National Talent Competition

March 13-15, 2026

Mabry Arts Center @ Carrollton High School, 510 Stadium Dr, Carrollton, GA 30117

Let's get ready for our 1st competition of the season! Below please find the key information you need to know for Applause National Dance Competition.

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the "All About Competition" packet with your dancer

## VENUE

### Mabry Arts Center at Carrollton High School

510 Stadium Drive  
Carrollton, GA 30117

[Click here for Google directions to the venue.](#)

[Click here to access the Applause Talent website.](#)

## PARENT AND DANCER RESPONSIBILITIES

- **ARRIVE ON TIME.** All dancers must arrive at the venue **TWO (2) HOURS** before your first dance (or as soon as doors open). Solos/Duos may arrive **ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR** to their scheduled competition time. All dancers **MUST** arrive **STAGE READY** in their first costume with competition hair, makeup and lashes **100% complete**. As soon as you arrive, check in with your Group Leader. She is responsible for keeping track of all dancers in the group during the competition...so it is important to hang out with your group while you are waiting to perform. Dancers should start their warm-ups/stretching as soon as they arrive. Please plan to have your dancer eat a healthy meal that will sustain her energy, prior to arriving at the venue.
- **COMPETITION SCHEDULE.** Be sure to track the competition schedule/check in with group moms already at the venue when determining arrival time as it is common for any given competition to run ahead of schedule. If the competition is ahead of schedule, please adjust your arrival times accordingly.
- **APPLAUSE** has an App...we recommend getting it. Applause Talent has an app that you can download to your phone to view the dance schedule, results, etc. Go to the App Store, search for "Applause Talent", and download (or it will be on your phone from last year, if you downloaded it and did not remove it). The schedule is not published on the app yet...they say it will be there on the day before the competition starts. [Click here to access.](#)
- **WATER BOTTLE. ABSOLUTELY NO OPEN CONTAINER DRINKS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE DRESSING ROOM (ie..Starbucks, Celsius etc...).** This became a big problem last year during competition. All dancers should bring a refillable water bottle clearly labeled with your dancer's name.

- **VENUE.** The dressing rooms in this venue are **VERY SMALL**. *If you only have one or two dances on any given day, please consider leaving your dream duffel in your car/at home.* We know from previous experience that the dressing rooms and backstage area at this venue can be very tight. Dancers will be called to stage no more than three routines before their scheduled performance. Only Studio personnel are permitted to be backstage at any time.

Concessions are not sold at the venue. Food purchased from outside the venue can only be eaten in designated dining areas in the lobby and is not allowed in dressing rooms or the theatre itself.

- **RESPECT.** You must respect the schedule, respect other dancers, other dancers' space, and PLEASE respect other dancers' performance schedules. Please mind your manners when it comes to seats in the theater...we do not condone the saving of seats with blankets or coats.
- **COSTUMES.** Dancers should never eat wearing a costume, EVER. Do not roam the venue or sit in the audience in your costume. ***Always wear your white FootNotes jacket (zipped up) when in the audience and walking around the venue.***
- **BE PREPARED.** No matter the age of the dancer, we encourage a parent to be involved in making sure that every costume, accessory, and shoe is packed for the weekend. Competition weekends are not the time to teach your dancer "lessons in responsibility."
- **BE INVOLVED.** Parents must supervise their daughters at all times. If a parent is unable to attend the competition, another adult must be specifically named to assume responsibility for your dancer. Please inform your Group Leader of these arrangements.
- **AWARDS.** Dancers and parents are expected to be present in the theatre for awards presentation....**wearing your FootNotes jacket (zipped up)**. It can be worn over your most recent costume, if you do not have time to change out of it. If you do have time to change, please wear your white FootNotes jacket, zipped up, along with black leggings/pants/shorts.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RECORDING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Failure to abide by this rule can result in disqualification for the studio. Photos and videos are available for purchase following the event. Applause Talent's website states: For the safety of your dancer and protection of their choreography, we do not allow audience members, or the general public to videotape or photograph the dancers on stage. However, each performance is professionally filmed and photographed and can be viewed in your Applause parent center login after the competition. **We can take pics around the venue/outside the dressing rooms. Reminder: No posting of videos of the dances on social media until after competition season is over!**