

Theater Etiquette

Teachers: Please read this to your group before attending the performance!

Live performance is truly magical: art created out of the energy flowing between people on both sides of the curtain. When you attend a show – you're part of the experience. There is no rewind button at a live event. They are once-in-a-lifetime events - no single performance is like another. Please remember that this is not a movie. The actors on stage can hear and see you, and their performance will be affected by you and your behavior. We want everyone who attends a live performance to enjoy that performance. The performers and people behind the scenes have worked very hard to create an entertaining show for you. Please show them the respect they deserve.



RESPECT

is the key word when enjoying a performance.

RESPECT the cast members.

RESPECT your fellow audience members.

RESPECT your teachers.

RESPECT the theater.

- ✓ Your job is to let the actors know that you appreciate the show by responding appropriately during the performance. It is okay to laugh or clap when something is funny, but not when actors are portraying romantic, death or fighting scenes. Remember to always respond respectfully and appropriately.
- ✓ Create an atmosphere of good, attentive listening. Part of your pact as an audience member is to care about the enjoyment of others. This means do not talk, or whisper during the performance, rattle paper, or use your cell phone to talk or text.
- ✓ Stay with your group at all times and present yourself in a way that will make your teachers and school proud.
- ✓ Leave the following at home, school, or on the bus – laser light pens, portable mp3 players, cameras, and cellular phones. These items can be extremely distracting, or in the case of laser lights, even dangerous to the actors.
- ✓ Leave any food, gum, and/or drinks on the bus or at school. No one, child or adult, is allowed to eat or drink in the theater during an HOT performance.
- ✓ No photography, audio or video recording is allowed.
- ✓ Do not leave your seat until the cast has taken their curtain call at the end. When the performance ends, wait patiently for your group to be called upon to exit.

TPAC is proud to have some of the best student audiences in the country. We are repeatedly told by performing groups how well-behaved and prepared our students are. Let's keep this reputation!