

First Time Cast and Parents

Welcome to the Rising Stars Family

Is this your first show? Here's a quick timeline-based overview of what to expect.

Auditions - you need to show up for open auditions and register to be in the production;

Call Back - you may or may not get called back for an additional audition or to be cast in an alternate role;

Parent Cast Meeting - if you are cast, this meeting is MANDATORY for parents and/or guardians. It is usually held the same day as Call Back or the Saturday following auditions. Parents will receive their show packets and sign up for Volunteer Teams at this meeting;

Production Team - if you (or your student) are *not* cast, your student can still sign up to volunteer for a Production Team. Production Team helps backstage with costumes and makeup, wrangling, supervising younger children in off-stage time, assists with lighting and sound, helps with props and sets, assists the Director, Stage Manager and Vocal Coach, helps with tickets and the front of the house and assists with promotions and public relations. Fill out the **Options to Acting Form** to sign up;

Rehearsals - typically, four to five times per week for two weeks;

Parent Volunteer Team - parents meet during the first week of rehearsals to work on their volunteer support teams, assisting with things like costuming, setting up backstage activities, green room duties, planning the cast party, helping with T-shirts and selling tickets;

Second Parent Volunteer Meeting – parents meet during the second week of rehearsals to help students with final preparations for the performance and to plan the Cast Party;

Performances - there are three performances over one or two weekends. Understudies and alternates will have the opportunity to perform at least one show, provided their performance skills are up to standard;

Strike - after the last show, everybody helps clean the Theatre, and then we have our Cast Party!

Rehearsals

Commonly, our group rehearsals begin about four weeks after auditions. However, cast members are expected to spend that time every week rehearsing individually and in small groups with their vocal, acting and dance coaches and learning songs and lines. When the cast meets for full rehearsals, cast members are expected to be in command of their parts and be able to sing and/or deliver all required dialogue and songs.

Tech Weekend

Tech Weekend begins the Saturday before the first performance. A Tech Weekend Schedule will be posted at least two weeks in advance.