

ECMS THEATRE TROUPE
AUDITIONS INFORMATION FAQs
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When and where are auditions?

Auditions will take place on December 7th and 8th immediately after school. Students audition only one day but the students will audition together and will stay the entire time. It is expected that the auditions will run about 2 hours depending on the number of students that arrive. Auditions are in the auditorium---please have your child arrive and sign in immediately after school.

Who should audition?

Auditions are open to any student at ECMS regardless of grade. Students and parents should understand that Theatre Troupe is a significant time commitment. Students must know that their schoolwork comes first. Students must be a “student in good standing” to participate in Theatre Troupe. The administrators review the lists of auditioners and any student not in good standing will not be permitted to be involved in Theatre Troupe. (This is the same rule that applies to all ECMS sports teams.) All auditioners must have enthusiasm, a positive attitude, and a team approach...prima donnas and divas need not apply!

Who will be running auditions?

Auditions will be run by Carly Evans (director) and Jane Raithel (musical director). ECMS faculty members may assist in the process. No parents (including parents who may assist in the sign-in process) will be involved in the auditions or any part of the selection of cast.

What should students prepare?

The students need to bring a completed audition form including the brief personal statement to the auditions—this must be signed by a parent. This form is available on the website.

Students do not need to prepare any music, scenes, or dances in advance!

The students will be taught a song in a group, be taught a simple movement combo, and be asked to read scenes. The best preparation is to relax and to arrive ready to work with a good attitude. Be sure to listen carefully to directions, and remember to be respectful of all students auditioning. Don't forget that you are auditioning as you sit in your chair waiting to be called...sometimes this behavior is even more important than how the student performs!

What happens at auditions?

Auditioning students will all enter the auditorium. All will review the songs as a group and learn the dance combo together. Students will sing alone and then perform a brief scene. Students will be auditioning with the fellow auditioners as the audience. It goes without saying that all students must be respectful of their fellow students

What and when are callbacks?

A call back list will be posted on Wednesday morning. Students who are asked to attend callbacks should arrive at the ECMS auditorium right after school. Callbacks should conclude by 4pm—possibly earlier—be sure your student can reach you. Many students who are in the play will not attend callbacks. Only those being considered for specific roles will need to attend callbacks.

Who decides on the cast?

All casting decisions are made by the directors. No parents participate in this process whatsoever. Mr. Lambert, together with the house administrators, will review the cast lists and provide feedback in the unlikely situation that there are significant concerns around any students' eligibility. If they occur, these conversations are confidential.

When will I find out if my child is the play?

The cast list will be posted on Friday afternoon about 5pm. It will also be posted in the secure area on the website. Students will be given the password at auditions.

What if my child is not cast?

The number of children cast will depend on the numbers auditioning. Unfortunately in past years, not all students who have expressed interest have been able to be cast. While this is NOT the goal, and it is the desire of the directors to include all interested students, sometimes this cannot happen. If you know that your child will be particularly upset if he/she is not cast, and that this will be a particular emotional hardship for your child and your family, please make this concern known to the directors or the administrators. This is a school, and unfortunately part of learning is at times learning how to deal with disappointments. We want to help students through difficult times as much as possible.

If my child doesn't make the cast, can he do crew?

Any student who auditions and is not cast may interview for crew. The crew interviews will be the following week and the specific times will follow and will be listed on the cast list, website and in the announcements.

What if my child ONLY wants to do crew???

If your child is ONLY interested in doing crew, have her complete the audition form and indicate this preference. Also under the "special talents" indicate any area of crew (i.e. props, costumes, etc) that particularly interest her. Please bring the form to the crew interview session and sign in. For crew interviews the student will meet with the directors and indicate why they want to be on the crew.

When is the first rehearsal?

The first rehearsal is scheduled for the week of December 14th. Most rehearsals will occur after school. A firm rehearsal schedule will be available at auditions.

There will also be a mandatory meeting for all parents of cast and crew members the week of December 14th—watch the website for details.