

Dear Educator,

Thank you for choosing a Performing Arts Field Trip experience for your students. The quality of the performance is dependent on your students being prepared to exhibit appropriate behavior. Please read and discuss the following behavioral mandates with your students before arriving at the theater. This review and discussion supports Florida Standards governing appropriate behavior and Theatre Etiquette.

### **Your Role as an Audience Member**

The audience is an important part of any performance. Your behavior as an audience member will affect the performance you see. Performers are people too and will be working really hard to perform for you. Their performance and everyone's experience of it will be even better if you follow the following instructions:

- Enter the performance space quietly and take your seat as directed.
- Remember that seeing a live show is not like watching TV or a movie. The performers are in the same room with you and can see and hear you. **Please don't talk during the performance.** The performers need you to watch and listen quietly. Talking to friends disturbs the performers and other members of the audience and is rude and disrespectful.
- Please stay in your seats during the performance. Please show respect for the performers and your fellow audience members by sitting up in your seats and keeping your feet on the floor.
- You can laugh if something is funny and clap at the end of the performance or after a song.
- Using your cell phone, taking pictures or recording is not allowed during the performance.
- Please remain seated at the end of the performance.

Florida Standards for Theatre Etiquette

TH.K.S.1.1-Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior at a live performance.

TH.1.S.1.1-Exhibit appropriate audience etiquette and response.

TH.2.S.1.1-Exhibit the behavior necessary to establish audience etiquette, response, and constructive criticism.

TH.3.S.1.1-Demonstrate effective audience etiquette and constructive criticism for a live performance.

TH.4.S.1.1-Exhibit proper audience etiquette, give constructive criticism, and defend personal responses.

TH.5.S.1.1-Describe the difference in responsibilities between being an audience member at live or recorded performances.

Distributing adult supervision amongst the students will help ensure appropriate behavior. Teacher and chaperone behavior is critical as well so please remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from using your phones for texting or anything else during the performance. Taking pictures or recording during the performance is not permitted. We hope this helps you prepare your students so they will experience a quality performance.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email [tammy.siebel@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:tammy.siebel@sdhc.k12.fl.us) or phone 813-276-8250.

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