

Audition Tips:

General Thoughts

Auditions are your chance to show directors what you're capable of! We cast the show based only on what we see at auditions, even if you've done a show with us before.

Leading roles in plays and musicals take dedication and hard work. You can show us you're capable of that responsibility by being prepared and specific in your audition. And by having fun and being open to suggestions!

Acting –

Do your research! Familiarize yourself with the show – a quick internet search will provide you with multiple summaries of the story. You can sometimes watch movie versions of the show as well, just keep in mind, the stage version is often at least somewhat different. Think about which characters you're interested in maybe playing, and pick one an audition piece that is similar to that character.

Make strong choices! Make physical choices! Show us a character that is not you.

Practice out loud. Practice in front of a mirror or a friend or family member.

Singing –

Again, do your research. Think about which characters you're interested in playing. Listen to the songs they sing in the show. Look for songs that are similar in sound or personality. You can find many musical theater songs on youtube or spotify to listen to and learn by ear. You can find sheet music for many musical theater songs on line at websites like www.musicnotes.com for a small fee (they often allow you to transpose music into an appropriate key as well).

Pick a song you enjoy singing.

Act while you're singing! This is musical theater, not choir, so we're looking for you to play a character, even while you're singing.

Breathe before your audition to help calm your nerves. Be sure to warm up your voice before you go into the audition room.

Dancing—

The dance audition is slightly different, in that we don't ask you to prepare something ahead of time. So, come ready to pay attention, and with a willingness to try what we teach you.

Act while you're dancing! Even if you're having a hard time keeping up with the steps, smile, show us some personality, and you'll have a really successful audition.

After Auditions

Keep in mind that dozens of other kids are auditioning of all ages, abilities, and experience. If you don't get cast in the part you wanted, don't take it personally! Casting is not all about talent – it's more about figuring out how to cast people so that the show will be the best it can be. Every audition, and every show is a chance to grow and get better!