

WARD THEATRE 2024 FAQ

Annie Jr.

What are the performance dates of the show?

Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 11 am and 2pm - students perform in both shows. Students will also perform for the entire school during assemblies on Friday, February 2.

How many rehearsals are there?

The cast and chorus will rehearse Monday, January 22–Friday, January, 26; Monday, January 29–Friday, February 2 with the following times:

Chorus: 3:30-4:30pm (1/22-1/26); 3:30-5:45pm (1/29-2/2 **please note change)

Cast: 3:30-5:45pm (1/22- 2/2)

Stage Crew: 3:30-5:45pm (1/29-2/2 *second week only*)

Is transportation available after rehearsal?

Students will not be able to ride the school bus home after rehearsals. Parents/caregivers are responsible for picking up their student on time each day. We also suggest carpooling with other friends in the production!

How does the audition process work?

Students will be given a log-in to the theatre company's website. On that site they will find a script and a song to choose. They will record themselves singing and reading lines and then upload the video to the website. The director will then cast the show from those videos. Casting will be announced January 12, 2024. Please note that students in the chorus do not need to audition.

Who is directing the show?

Theatre professionals employed by KJK Productions will be in charge of all aspects of the performance-choreography, casting, musical numbers, etc.

My child has other activities and will need to miss a rehearsal.

The theatre company **requires** all student participants to attend **all 10** rehearsals. Because they have such a short time to learn the entire show, it is essential that all participants attend rehearsals each day.

******The director reserves the right to remove your child from the cast or chorus if they miss rehearsal.******

Why is this only for 3-5 grades?

We are a large school community, and in order to give everyone a fair chance to participate, we've decided to limit it to the upper grades. We look forward to working with the younger students once they're in 3rd grade and beyond!

Why do we have to sign a student contract?

The theatre company sets specific requirements that we all have to agree to in order for them to run the production.

Do I have to purchase costumes for my student?

The theatre company provides all costumes! Each student will need a tank top and shorts or other tight-fitting clothes to wear under their costumes. Additional information on things like shoes and hair styling will be provided once casting is complete.

Can we record or photograph the show?

We have hired a professional videographer to come in and record the show and will provide the digital download to all participants. Due to licensing agreements, personal videos and photos may not be taken during the performances. We appreciate your cooperation!

Why does each child need an adult to volunteer?

As you can imagine, this production takes months and months of planning and preparation. The two weeks of rehearsals are intense—we're trying to corral 100 kids for ten days! We need as many volunteers as we can get. If you can't volunteer during the rehearsals, don't worry—we have plenty of other volunteer options. More info and sign ups will be out in early December!

Why do we have to pay for our child to participate?

We hire a professional theatre company who has done hundreds of performances like this across Westchester. They charge us for their services, and the PTA actually covers the majority of that fee. We require a registration fee to help offset that cost and to cover the cost of the t-shirt and other materials for the show.

My child would like to participate but we can't cover the cost.

No problem! We have some scholarships available for students. Please email theatre@wardpta.com.

When do tickets to see the show go on sale?

All tickets will be purchased online. Families with a child in the show will have early access to tickets starting January 12th. General Public tickets will be available beginning Monday, January 15th.

I have another question not answered here.

No problem! We're happy to answer any questions. Please email theatre@wardpta.com.