

## Audition Tips

- Be on time, which means to be early. We can't interrupt group auditions. If you are late, you are likely to be turned away and told to come back the next audition date.
- Please be courteous and cancel any auditions ahead of time if you plan not to attend.
- Know your audition time(s). If you are auditioning for more than one arts area, you need to keep an eye on the clock and go to the correct audition when called. When in doubt, always check at the desk and we are happy to help you!
- Follow the Audition Requirements. You are graded on a rubric (just like a school assignment.) If you are unprepared for part of the requirement, it will substantially affect your audition "grade." Be sure you bring any items (sheet music, etc...) as outlined in the requirements.
- Don't wait until the last minute to prepare. It's hard to do your best when you know you might forget something. Practice in front of family and friends!
- For performance based auditions, be flexible. The teachers may ask you to adjust your speed, style or voice, body language, etc...it isn't a criticism, it is often to see how you listen and respond to direction. You can see why it is important to be prepared. It is much easier to make adjustments when you are very familiar with your material.
- For group auditions, don't worry about the others in the room. You aren't competing against them. You are graded against the rubric and it is not like a reality show where the judges are looking for people to "cut."
- Likewise, the teachers are not looking for students to "fail." They want to make sure they choose students who will be successful in the program, which is why they use a rubric that reflects what is needed to be successful at the school.
- Put your best foot forward! That means introducing yourself professionally, speaking loudly enough to be heard, and being attentive. You do not need to dress up for the audition (the exception would be required clothing/dancewear as listed in the requirements.) Appropriate clothing would be neat clothing appropriate for school. NO costumes!
- Understand everyone is nervous and excited! You aren't the only one.