

Imagine Theatre General Audition Information

Thank you for showing interest in auditioning for an Imagine Theatre production! At Imagine Theatre, productions are used as hands-on tools for the education of our students in the art of theatre. Our primary goal is to provide a way to LEARN by DOING!

There are a few things you should know before auditioning for an Imagine Theatre production:

Casting:

Imagine Theatre is dedicated to education, which means casting choices are based on the artistic development of the actors.

Typically, Imagine Theatre productions are open to students who are ages 8-18 for actors and 10-18 for crew. This is based on the student's age at the time of auditions. There may be some exceptions to this rule depending on the show. If you have questions about your student's ability to participate in a production based on age, please contact office@imaginetheatre.org.

Imagine Theatre's goal is to provide an educational experience for every student who desires it. **With every production we aim to include as many students as possible - with most shows having a Cast-All policy.** When audition information is released for a specific show, we will do our best to communicate the number of students we can cast in our production. This number will depend on show size, space capacity, etc. If your student is NOT cast, that does not mean they are not talented! All students have talent, all students can be taught new things, and all students are creative. If your student is not cast and still wants to participate in the productions, we would love to speak with them about joining the crew.

Imagine Theatre values diversity on our stage and in our theater. In casting, we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin. We aim to cast respectfully and appropriately to all cultures and identities.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals happen generally Friday evening (6-9pm) & Saturday mornings (9-1pmish) for the vast majority of our shows. Exact rehearsal schedules will look different for each show depending on the availability of the rehearsal space and artistic team and the needs of the show. See your audition notice for additional details about the rehearsal expectations and schedule for the current show. **All students who**

participate in Imagine Theatre productions will have a chance to list their conflicts at the time of audition. We will plan rehearsals as best we can around conflicts listed on the audition form. Any conflicts that arise after the time of audition must be discussed with the artistic team for approval.

Performances:

It is expected that **all students must be present for all performances and tech rehearsals.** Performance conflicts must be stated at the time of audition and may affect casting.

Production Fees:

Productions have many expenses that go with them, like licensing, rentals, sets, props, paying staff, venues, and much more. **As part of your student's education, we charge a small production fee to participate in Imagine Theatre shows to cover those expenses.** Each show's production fee will be different depending on the needs of that particular show. Please see the audition notice for the current fee. *As a note: Members of the crew are exempt from paying the production fee.*

Production Committees:

Our productions are not only opportunities for student actors and crew, but opportunities for the parents as well! **Parents/guardians of actors are expected to participate in making the production happen.** The success of any production is based on a team effort, so we have Show Committees set up to take care of costumes, set building, props, front of house, marketing, concessions, and more! As a parent/guardian of an involved student, let us know your skill set and interests at the time of auditions and we will find you a team to work on! One of the benefits of working on Show Committees is getting to know the other families at Imagine Theatre - a huge contributing factor to our tight-knit community.