



Theatre Etiquette: How to Be a Great Audience Member!

It's time to go to the Theater! The show you're about to see was created just for you to enjoy — but watching a live performance is very different from watching a movie. On stage, everything is happening in real time, and the performers can see and hear you, too!

That means you are part of the show. The energy flowing between the audience and the performers helps create the magic of live theatre. When you show respect — for the cast, the audience, your teachers, and the Theater itself — everyone has the best experience possible.

When the lights go down...

Respect what's happening on stage

- The actors and crew have worked hard to make this performance amazing for you — show them your appreciation by being attentive.
- Sound carries easily in a theater! Every whisper, wrapper, or ringtone can be heard.
- Keep phones and devices silenced or off and out of sight.
- Stay in your seat, listen carefully, and watch closely — the performers can feel your attention and excitement!

Respect what's around you

- Everyone deserves a chance to enjoy the show. Please avoid talking, fidgeting, or blocking others' views.
- If you must leave for the restroom or a break, do so quietly with your teacher.
- Keep feet off the seats (yours or anyone else's!).
- The Paramount is a beautiful, historic theater — help keep it that way by treating it with care.

Share the Magic!

- Laugh when something's funny, gasp when you're surprised, and clap when you love a song or scene.
- At the end of the performance, show your appreciation with applause — or even a standing ovation if you were truly inspired!

Helpful tips for a great field trip to the Theater!

- Enter quietly and stay with your group.
- Make your teachers and school proud with your best behavior.
- No food, drinks, or gum inside the Theater.
- Cameras and recording devices are not allowed.
- Use the restroom before the show begins.
- Remove hats, walk carefully, and no running (especially on the stairs).
- If seated in the balcony, please don't lean over the railings.
- Wait patiently for your group to be called when it's time to leave.
- Don't forget to thank the ushers and volunteers who help make your visit special.
- Most of all — **ENJOY the show and the magic of live performance!**