

HOMESCHOOL/DIGITAL SCHOOL STUDENT MATINEE TIPS

Due to the differences between our Public/Private School and our Homeschool/Digital School students and educators, our policies and reservation process are slightly different. This Tips page is designed to help our Homeschool and Digital School families have the most successful field trip!

Important to note: Homeschools and Digital Schools generally have a 1:1 adult to student ratio, whereas Public/Private schools generally have a 1:15 student ratio. Due to this difference, we only offer free tickets to teachers of public and private schools. This helps to alleviate some of the burden from public/private schools by allowing them to bring more adults to chaperone.

Please read the following tips to make the most out of this educational arts program.

Tip #1: Reserve through a homeschool/digital school coordinator. There are many benefits to coming in a larger group, especially when it comes to seating. We believe it is very important not to split schools in the theater. For this reason, one of the major determining factors of Student Matinee seating is the size of the group. Public and Private school teachers on average bring groups of 100 students, while homeschool/digital school groups bring groups of 10 or less. Due to the size difference, seating for large groups is determined first to assure that they can all be seated together.

Tip #2: Leave the very young one at home. All attendees must be over the age of three. We understand this puts a strain on some homeschool/digital school families and because of that, may allow a few exceptions. If you plan to bring a child under the age of three to the performance, it must be approved by the Student Matinee Coordinator. You will be placed on an aisle and expected to leave the theater with your young child if they are disruptive to the performance. There are monitors in the lobby where you many continue watched the show. If you are coordinating for multiple families, please make sure all adults in your group are aware of this policy.

Tip #3: Plan to arrive early. We recommend all groups plan to arrive at the theater 30 minutes prior to the performance. This allows plenty of time for parking, bathrooms, talking to your field trip coordinator, and seating. Groups that arrive late typically need to be seated late. Please arrive early to avoid late seating!

TIPS FOR HOMESCHOOL/DIGITAL SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Tip #1: Communicate frequently with your individual families. Make sure to send all day of performance information, student matinee policies (including the policy on bringing babies to the theater), study guides, and surveys to all adults attending in your group. They will not have this information otherwise.

Tip #2: Get RSVPs before placing your reservation. Getting RSVPs before you place your reservation will save you a world of trouble. Remember, your total amount can only decrease by 20%.

Tip #3: Collect payment from the families as soon as possible, or as soon as you get an RSVP from them. This will save you from having to personally pay for all the tickets upfront and collecting their money later.

Tip #4: Carpool. Communicating with the families in your group on the performance day can be hectic, especially if you don't know their whereabouts minutes before the show. Carpooling makes communication and arrivals easier for you!