



Staging The Future Theatre Etiquette

Attending a live theatrical performance can be an exciting event, especially for first time theatre goers! Below are just a few tips to share with your students to help make your trip a successful one.

1. Plan your visit to the theatre.

Check the location of the theatre if your school or organization is not providing transport. Determine public transportation schedule, parking location and fees. Go to the theater's website and please read and follow theatre health and safety guidelines. Consider eating before you attend as no outside food or beverages are allowed in the theatre.

2. Theatre attire

When attending a live performance, make sure to put your best foot forward! Fresh clothes, groomed hair, and clean faces are the easiest way to present yourself for a night out at the theatre.

3. Arrive early to your performance.

Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early to your scheduled performance; even earlier if you are picking up tickets from will call. This will allow you enough time to distribute the tickets, find your seats, and get settled before the performance begins. If you arrive late, sometimes you will be held in the lobby of the theatre until there is a break in the performance before you are allowed in to your seats.

4. Make sure all cell phones are off/on silent, or left at home.

Cell phones going off during the performance is not only distracting to those around you, it is disturbing to the performers onstage. Please make sure that all devices are silenced before you enter the theatre to ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone. Flash photography inside the theater is never permitted – it is a distraction and danger to performers.

5. Please do not speak during the performance.

As with cell phones going off, speaking during a performance is just as disruptive. Please try to keep all comments until intermission or the end of the performance to allow everyone to enjoy the full show.

6. Show the performers how much you appreciate their hard work.

In appropriate moments during the performance, and at the end of the show, make sure you show the performers how much you enjoyed the show by clapping during the curtain call. Sometimes, if the performance was especially entertaining, the audience will stand to let the actors know that they were outstanding!

Enjoy your trip to the theatre!