

Pierce School Musical TECH CREW Information

Welcome, and thank you for considering joining the Tech Crew of *Hitsville USA*. We rely on our tech crews to make the show run without a hitch. The kids will learn to take ownership of their tasks and feel the importance of their contributions. This is truly one of our most successful programs.

SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

Tech Crew occurs over two weeks at the end of our production and allows you to pick your child's work days, based on their schedule. Attendance is mandatory on days your child is scheduled unless they are sick. Assembling, striking and re-assembling the sets quickly and correctly takes some practice, so we need them there.

Our tech rehearsals will begin Monday, December 5 and our last show is Sunday, December 16, and in mid-November, we'll circulate a Google sheet for you to check your child's available days. As long as your child can make 3 per week and at least two of the shows, it works.

The full tech and dress rehearsal schedule is:

December 5 – 9 (M-Th) after school until 5:30pm, Friday until 5:00pm.

December 12 – 15 (M-Th) after school until 6:00pm.

December 14, Friday after school for an hour to set up for the show.

The shows are:

Friday, December 14 • 6:30 show time, 6:00pm crew call time, finished by 8:30pm.

Saturday, December 15 • first show • 1:30pm show time, 1:00pm crew call time, finished by 3:30pm.

Saturday, December 15 • second show • 6:30pm show time, 6:00pm crew call time, finished by 8:30pm.

Sunday, December 16 • 1:30pm show time, 1:00pm crew call time, and the crew stays after the show to put everything back in the auditorium and clean up!

REGISTRATION

Registration opens June 11 for tech crew. We will sell 16 crew spots only and they do sell out.

REFUNDS

There are no refunds after December 2! Refunds will be given before Dec 2 or if your family is suddenly relocated overseas, but because we make big financial commitments to our staff, we ask that once you're in, you're really in.

CHECK-IN, SNACKS, NO LEAVING CAMPUS

Tech Crew will meet in the cafeteria after school for check-in and a quick snack. We no longer provide snacks. Because of many kids' specific dietary requirements, we've decided we need to leave the nutrition of your kids to you. Please send food, it's a long time from your child's lunch to 5:30pm!

Students should report to the cafeteria immediately after school for check-in and snack and should NOT leave campus for Starbucks, Walgreens, CVS, or home unless by special arrangement. We need them right away! We do not check students out at the end of class, they are free to leave campus as they would at any other time.

CAST SUPERVISORS

In addition to the director, there will be a Cast Supervisor present at each rehearsal to manage behavior, social distancing and emergency responses should that ever be necessary. Our Cast Supervisors are CPR-Certified, have a first aid kit, and are trained in threat response in these specific spaces. They are all young adults. Their primary job is to have an eye on students' whereabouts and help maintain a productive environment while the director works.

BEHAVIOR AND MEDICAL CONCERNS

Behavior and discipline: Sometimes, kids have a bad day and act out. When this happens, our first response is to pull the student aside for reminders and redirection. Our second response will be to remove the student from the room for a "time out." If the situation warrants, the cast supervisor or director will dismiss the child immediately and contact the parent to discuss the situation, and the child may be released for the day. We have a zero-tolerance policy for verbal or physical abuse that violates anyone's safety; should those occur, your child will be sent home immediately and may be asked to leave the program; a refund will not be offered. As this is a PTO program, any extreme behavior will be reported to the Pierce Vice Principals.

Medical issues: We receive no information from the school about your child's health. You'll be asked at registration to disclose any medical or non-medical issues that may impact your child's participation as well as your instructions for treatment, if any. It is crucial that you provide us with any relevant information so that we can make appropriate decisions for your child's care.

Any disclosures and instructions will be shared with the director and cast supervisors so that we can recognize a problem before it escalates and respond according to your instructions.

Our emergency response protocols are as follows:

- In the event of a real medical emergency, our first response is to call 911, then the parent.
- In the event of a minor emergency (stomachache, headache, onset of illness), we'll contact the parent and/or send the child home.
- Of course, if a child demonstrates any Covid symptoms, they will be sent to the nurse's office (if open) or home, and we'll call you immediately.

Non-medical considerations: If your child has a special circumstance such as ADHD, which needs more attention than is typically offered in this setting, please notify us in advance and we'll work with you to create a plan for successful participation. If your child is prone to less-manageable outbursts, including physical altercations, we do not have the resources (and the school will not provide them) to create a successful and safe experience for everyone.

Covid specific: We follow the school district's mask guidelines. There are occasions where we use more masking than the school, in consultation with the principal or our Covid team. We will communicate this to all families in a timely manner and we do have extra masks on hand.

Waivers: You will be asked to check a waiver absolving us of liability in the event of medical emergencies, as is typical for programs like ours, Town sports, Art Barn and more.

REGISTRATION/FEES

Pierce School Musical is a PTO program taught by paid, non-parent instructors who are qualified to teach drama, music, visual arts, and work with children.

The registration fee for Tech Crew is \$150. Registration fees help cover directors, supervisors, technical personnel, assistants, printing, materials and more.

Fees are collected via credit card at time of registration. If you prefer to pay by check, need scholarship support or structured payments, please contact Phil at piercemusictracks@gmail.com.

Pierce School Musical/PTO offers these programs free or at a reduced rate to any child who requires financial support on a "no questions asked" basis. We want your kids to be involved, regardless of your ability to pay.

COVID CONSIDERATIONS

We expect that Covid will be an ongoing concern for years. We strongly encourage vaccination. We also anticipate that a few students will be out for a period of time and are ready to accommodate their absence without penalty.

If we are unable to continue offering the musical because of state or school district restrictions around Covid or similar, we will wait two weeks before deciding the fate of the current program. If discontinued, we will process pro-rata refunds to all families after our financial obligations to staff have been met.