

Audition Process and FAQ's



Students will come into the audition room alone and perform a portion of or the entire song they're required to prepare based upon their character choice. Each student gets approximately three minutes to perform their entire audition and will do so in front of a panel of judges. Those auditioning as dancers will perform a one minute number that contains a small set of dance skills they have prepared to show their dance capabilities. They may also be asked to demonstrate various other skills the show requires. Dancers are also required to sing the music chosen for the ensemble. The auditions are low stress, high energy, and fun. Stress not.

FAQ's

“Am I allowed to audition with someone else?”

NO. End of story.

“Can I bring a family member into my audition with me?”

NO. All auditions are closed to the public.

“Who is on the ‘panel of judges?’”

Mr. Nate and Ms. Hill will be present for all audition time slots. Depending on individual availability and/or interest, judges may also include other teachers from HMS, students from the Highland Performing Arts Department, or other HMS employees.

“Am I allowed to audition for more than 1 character?”

YES! Just make sure you announce that you want to be considered for multiple characters at the beginning of your audition.

“Do I need to sign up for multiple audition time slots if I’m auditioning for multiple characters?”

NO! PLEASE DON'T! One slot should suffice no matter how many characters for whom you audition.

“What happens if I forget my lyrics during my audition?”

The panel of judges starts singing with you! We want you to succeed!

“Can I prepare a piece of music other than the required, provided music?”

NO. You must sing the music required by the director.

“If I am auditioning for multiple characters, do I need to prepare more music?”

Yes. Be prepared to perform the music selected and required for each character you choose.

“Where can I find this music?”

Outside the theatre room (1094) hanging on the bulletin board. You can also print copies of the music off on the musical’s website at hillside.matilda.com

“What happens if one of my family members is on the panel of judges or helping in some way with auditions?”

They will be asked to leave the room for your audition. The remaining judges who then witness your audition are forbidden to talk to your family member about your performance. All audition performances are kept confidential and will not be discussed with parents, siblings, or any other friends or family members.

“Who decides who gets what role in the end?”

Mr. Nate holds full responsibility for complete casting of the show. He is the one who makes the final decisions. All other judges are there to provide council, fulfill legal obligations set by the district, and give the performers multiple faces to perform in front of.