

Student Matinee Guide

Below are instructions and guidelines to assist you in your school's visit to Parker Arts.

- Generally, student matinees run for approximately 55-60 minutes, with a 15 minute talkback.
- Schools should plan to arrive 20-30 minutes prior to the start of the performance to allow ample time to off-load the bus and be seated in the theater.
- If you will be arriving late, please notify the PACE Center Box Office immediately at 303.805.6800 and provide an approximate arrival time. All other questions or concerns, please contact Education Manager, Kirstin Fletcher, at kfletcher@parkeronline.org or call 303.805.6800.
- Most student matinees take place at the PACE Center, which is located at 20,000 Pikes Peak Avenue, Parker. (Parker Road and Mainstreet). However, some plays are offered at The Schoolhouse, which is located at 19650 E. Mainstreet, Parker. Please pay special attention to the location, date, and time you are reserving for your school group.
- Before you arrive please go over theater etiquette with your students. A good audience is integral to the performance – laughter, tears, applause are all wonderful and appropriate responses to a show and we want your students to be spontaneous but inappropriate behavior can affect the whole audience and the performers. We hope that you as chaperones provide an example for your students. Additionally, we depend on you to be responsible for your students' behavior.
- Please remind students, teachers and chaperones to silence mobile devices before entering the theater.
- The taking of photos, video and recording devices inside the theater are strictly prohibited at all times.
- Food, gum, beverages, notebooks, backpacks, etc. are not allowed in the theater. We ask that all unnecessary items be left at school or on the bus. If items cannot be left at school or on the bus, we will allow students to place items in the lobby of the theater at their own risk. Parker Arts, Culture and Events Center is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Students who have special needs are welcome at Parker Arts and will be accommodated. Please let us know in advance if such students will be requiring special seating, assistance, food, drink, medication, etc. during their visit. If you are interested in attending an interpreted performance for deaf students, please contact us for availability. Please advise us on how we can best be of assistance.
- Buses may drop off and pick up in the PACE Center driveway and loading zone. Buses may park in the PACE Center parking lot. Bus drivers are welcome inside the PACE Center.
- On the day of your performances please check in at the Box Office (or onsite Parker Arts representative) to report an accurate student and chaperone count. These numbers are needed for seating purposes. Please also confirm your attendance to the post-show Q&A session with the cast.
- Please arrange students and chaperones in line prior to seating in the theater to allow for efficient seating. Please let your chaperones know not to reseat kids until after the usher leave the row. This slows down our seating process.
- Talk backs with the cast may be offered following the each student matinee offered at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. depending on start time and length of production. We strongly encourage groups to stay and participate in this informative discussion. This will add approximately 15 minutes to the total run time of the performance.
- Due to venue limitations at the PACE Center, we are unable to accommodate large groups for indoor or outdoor lunch. We recommend utilizing nearby Discovery Park or O'Brien Park, both within walking distance.
- Please visit www.ParkerArts.org/schools to download student matinee study guides to enrich your visit.

