

COURTESY COUNTS

Most children are unfamiliar with proper theatre behavior. Teachers, please share these courtesies with your students as part of their experience. If they remember these simple rules, and use their own good manners, they will feel confident attending a theatre performance anywhere! And be sure to select shows appropriate for their age and attention span.

Produce positive energy

Watching a live theatre performance is very different from watching a movie or television show. A live presentation has not been pre-recorded with the mistakes edited out. The audience's behavior and reactions can either add or detract from a performance. Each audience member affects those around him/her, as well as the performers. Concentrate on helping the performers by producing only positive energy!

Find your seat

An usher will show you where to sit. Walk slowly and talk quietly as you are seated. Be sure any restroom needs are taken care of before the performance begins.

Keep it clean

Gum, food and beverages are not allowed in the theatre!

Quiet on the set

The Tack Center is known for its excellent acoustics, so if you make a noise, others will hear you (including the performers!) Please refrain from talking, humming, unwrapping cough drops and candy, or foot tapping during the performance. Exceptions to this rule include shows that ask for audience participation. Applause and laughter are appreciated and appropriate!

Unplug

Turn off pagers, cell phones, cameras and watch alarms during performances. Better yet, leave them at home or school!

Use only your memory as a recording device

Flash photography and video recording are not allowed during performances because the bursts of light are dangerous to the performers on stage and distracting to other patrons. They may also infringe on copyrights. Please leave recording equipment at home or school.

Respect personal space

Please keep feet on the floor, not on the seat in front of you. Shifting in your seat, wearing hats or wandering in the aisles is extremely distracting to those around you. Please stay in your seat until the end of the performance.