



# Bloomfield Players Community Theatre

## Seussical the Musical

### POLICIES FOR CHILDREN IN REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE

***ALL parents of minor children (17 and younger) in the company are required to attend the initial parent meeting once cast.***

In order to provide for the safety of our child actors, to maintain professionalism and safeguard our liability, the following policies will be followed for all Bloomfield Players productions. These policies are similar to child safety procedures used for school latchkey programs as well as other activities in our schools. Most parents are familiar with them.

#### **PARENT/YOUNG ACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

These policies are in effect from the first rehearsal through all subsequent contacts with our production until set strike after final performance.

1. **Parents of minor children MUST volunteer to supervise during our production process.**  
BP policy is Two (2) Adults must supervise all children for the duration of rehearsals and performances in dressing rooms, green room, restrooms, hallways, on stage, and at all entrances and exits. This responsibility is outlined below and will be reviewed at first rehearsal.
2. If a child is 12 years old or younger, a parent or Parent Designee MUST sign the child in and sign the child out and escort him or her to their vehicle. **You MUST come in the building.**
3. A Parent Designee must have his or her name and address on file with Bloomfield Players. This may be done by listing that person on the agreement section of this document and handing it in at read-through if cast.
4. Supervising parents have the right and responsibility to notify the stage manager or a producer if a young person is not cooperative. The stage manager or producer may call and ask the parents to take their child home.
5. If we have no supervision, the children may be sent home.
6. Parents will be required to sign up for supervisory evenings. If you are not able to keep this responsibility you are responsible to find someone to sub. If there are not enough adults to supervise a rehearsal it may be cancelled.
7. A member of the production team will be at sign-in to help with the process.

Often in the theater, supervising adults are called "Wranglers." Wranglers are responsible for the safety and supervision of children before, during and after all rehearsals and performances



# Bloomfield Players Community Theatre

and help with the sign-out process until the last child is picked up. You will often hear this term used by our creative team when referring to our parent volunteers.

## PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES – CHILDREN 8–12 YEARS OF AGE

As stated above, parents must volunteer a certain number of nights if their child is involved. (The number of evenings will be determined after casting.)

This responsibility includes escorting all child cast members to the stage/entrance areas and maintaining their silence. Parents are to remain in the rehearsal room or in the stage wings until children rehearsal ends or they exit the stage. When the rehearsal is completed or they exit the stage the parent then will escort them silently to their waiting area which in theater is called the green room.

Children must be kept busy studying, reading or playing quiet games when not rehearsing or during the show when in the green room. Snacks are recommended. **(Note that all the facilities we use are not free.)** Facilities must be cleaned up before leaving so please keep this in mind in choosing snacks.

## ACTORS 13-17

Actors 13 to 17 do not have to be signed in and out or escorted to the stage. Each young adult is responsible for his/her own professional behavior. Teens must sign in with the other actors, and pick up and wear their nametags.

Should a young adult act unprofessionally or in ways that endanger him/herself or others, these privileges will be rescinded and the actor will be under adult supervision in the green room.

---

I have read the **POLICIES FOR CHILDREN IN REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE** document and agree to abide by it.

Cast member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of signer: \_\_\_\_\_

I designate the following persons as **Parent Designees** for purposes of this document.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If more, add to back)*