

SPHS Drama Chaperone Duties

Whoever is on for the time slot can work out where to be, depending on whether there are two or three chaperones.

The main thing is to try to keep the kids relatively quiet. They need to be able to hear the “prompt mistress” for following along in the show. The scenes are posted on the wall and the kids should know when they need to be ready.

No one is allowed to leave the building during rehearsals or shows. It’s too easy to get distracted and miss an announcement from the prompt mistress if they step outside the door.

Ms Gabriele’s room is the girl’s dressing room and the other music room is the boy’s. Ms Gabriele’s room is the one closer to the stage – the other music room is the closest to the outside door. Please make sure boys stay out of the girls’ room and vice versa.

Dressing Room

- Keep costume racks and accessory tables as orderly as possible. Have students hang up costumes
- Help with costume changes as needed
- Help fix (or find someone who can fix) costume emergencies – anything that needs quick repair. Safety pins and duct tape can be very useful!
- Keep the noise down and the doors closed
- Make sure cast members are listening for cues and paying attention to when they go on
- Make sure the cast members are doing the “little things” right, like proper color socks, boys have belts, shirts are tucked in, no holes in stockings, underclothes aren’t showing, etc. It makes a big difference in how they look on stage!

Hallway/Backstage

- Your main duty is in the music room hallway – KEEP THINGS QUIET! Not totally silent, but voices lowered, and no goofing around that’s going to be loud or unsafe.
- Monitor the actors’ entry door to the stage. If a cast member is missing something, needs a prop or repair, or whatever comes up, see if you can help.
- Keep an eye on food, drink, and garbage – straighten and clean up where you can.
- If things are under control in the music hallway, you can go stand quietly in the back of the auditorium to watch an occasional number for a few minutes at a time.