

IMPORTANT! Whittier Variety Show Information

FAQs:

When are variety show applications (acts and emcees/stage crew) and individual permission slips due? By this Friday, December 1st. All forms are to be submitted online at <http://whittierschoolpta.org/special-events/variety-show/>. **ALL PARTICIPANTS must have an individual permission slip on file**, but only one act submission per group is necessary.

What if there are too many applicants for the 6th grade emcee positions? After the application deadline, all emcee applicants will be contacted regarding the status of their application. If there are too many applicants and a random drawing needs to be implemented to select the emcees, any 6th grade emcee applicants not selected will have the option to serve on stage crew or to perform in an act.

How long should each act be? Each act may be a maximum of a minute and a half (90 seconds) in length. For large groups (10+ students), the maximum act length is two minutes (120 seconds). Act leaders should be sure to cut music/plan accordingly.

May a student participate in more than one role/act? Each student may participate in only one role/act.

How are groups formed? Most older students form their own acts/groups by talking with friends and classmates. Younger students tend to have assistance from parents to form groups. Some group leaders may reach out to a whole class, while others may reach out to a group of other students as requested by his/her child.

What can I do if my child wants to participate in the variety show but doesn't have a group? While the variety show committee and classroom teachers aren't responsible for coordinating groups, here are a few ideas for what to do if your child is in this situation: 1) Encourage him/her to list 2-3 classmates he/she would like to do an act with and reach out to those students' parents; 2) Check in with your student's teacher to see if he/she could recommend any other student(s) who might also be looking for a group; 3) Remind your child that there are all types of acts (e.g., solos, sibling acts, etc.) and see if any of those options are of interest.

When and where should acts practice? Whenever possible, acts should plan to rehearse outside of school at a time/location convenient for them. This may be at a home, room reserved at the DG library/park district facility, etc. Most acts will rehearse at least once per week most weeks to be prepared for the show come February and will want to schedule one time to practice on the Whittier stage (on either Jan. 12th or Jan. 19th). *Large groups may schedule rehearsal space at Whittier only after school on Fridays due to space and supervision limitations.* Any acts practicing at Whittier must have a designated adult present at all times. Adult leaders are responsible for ensuring all act members get picked up or walked back to Champions following the rehearsal.

***To schedule rehearsal space at Whittier, please contact the variety show committee at whittiervarietyshow@gmail.com.

KEY DATES (all required unless otherwise specified):

- **Friday, December 1st:** Deadline to submit all acts, individual permission slips, and applications to serve as an emcee or stage crew member (6th graders only). Thanks to all who have already turned in their submissions!
- **Friday, December 1st (after school - 3:30 p.m.):** Variety Show All-Cast Kickoff Meeting
 - All variety show participants and their adult leader(s)
 - Meet in the Jaguar Jungle (Whittier gym)
 - Will include the unveiling of this year's variety show theme, overview of variety show process and guidelines, timeline for variety show season, and group photos for each act*
 - There will NOT be dedicated rehearsal time at the kickoff meeting
- **Friday, January 12th & Friday, January 19th (optional):** Rehearsal times available on the Whittier stage after school
 - Acts are highly encouraged to sign up for a time slot to rehearse on stage
 - Stay tuned for more information about how to sign up for stage time on one of these dates
- **Monday, January 22nd:** Tech Rehearsal @ Whittier
- **Monday, January 29th:** Dress Rehearsal @ Whittier
- **Thursday, February 1st:** Rehearsal @ the Tivoli Theater
- **Friday, February 2nd:** School Show for students & staff in the Whittier Jaguar Jungle
- **Saturday, February 3rd @ 10:00 a.m.:** Variety Show for families & friends @ The Tivoli Theater