

Within the grand tradition of theatre, there stands a code of ethics that has been observed throughout time. It begins with an attitude of respect for others. Adherence to the code of conduct is not only requested, but required, to continue the high quality and the integrity of an ESCAPE production.

### Parents please read this with your child or teen before Mon. February 3.

- We will be **respectful** to others at all times. (students, parents, ESCAPE staff, and any volunteers)
  - We will make sure that all **forms AND payments are ready by stated deadlines** so that the ESCAPE staff does NOT have to chase me down for completion.
  - **Costume requirements & Costume Check dates will be met by the Costume Deadline.** This includes any changes that have been addressed by Cissi or Leesa. If you DO NOT meet costume deadlines or have communication issues- you will NOT be able to sign up for *Peter Pan in the fall.* *We are sorry, but this really matters to us- as we “want all of the kids to look great on stage”, and meet the deadlines.*
  - **All paperwork will be turned in on time on Feb. 3, and the Prod. Week Agreement on Feb. 10 or 12.**
  - We understand that each family is required to have **one parent volunteer during Production Week.**
  - We will sign up for a “**Parent committee**” on **Mon. March 23.** All NEW parents will attend BOTH Parent meetings in the rehearsal period. *There are 3 convenient time choices on March 23 & June 1.*
  - We will respect the **rules at the Performing Arts Center** during Production Week (food, ect), and follow the Sign-In & Safety procedures for all Cast-members at the theatre by the Green Room door.
  - We will unplug, and put cell phones away when requested, and **follow the cell phone Guidelines** at the Theatre during Production week. *We must stay focused on the show, not on social media. We will allow photos during intermission - AFTER the show has opened, but NOT during production week.*
  - We will do our part to protect the copyright of the show, and understand that **No videotaping is allowed.** I will also communicate this to our guests in the audience, and tell them to put phones away.
  - We will **Respect the Casting decisions** of the ESCAPE Directors and any Casting Directors.
  - We will help my child or teen to accept casting decisions in a positive manner.
    - Celebrations for earning a lead role should be acknowledged but managed, and care should be taken not to make other students feel sad. **Just BE KIND to others.**
    - Disappointment in not being placed in a lead role should be acknowledged and managed as a learning experience to discover what can be done to help achieve different results in the future. We will NOT be able to discuss feedback with the kids this show- as it is our FIRST time doing it- but we will gladly email information for growth.
    - The Directors care about ALL of these kids, and that is why the audition process takes a few weeks. It takes weeks to make decisions as a TEAM for the best possible show.
    - **Parents** are asked to refrain from calling the Directors about casting decisions right away. Always give your feelings 48 hours before you send an email, or make a phone call. The Directors’ vision for the show may differ from that of the parent, but this does not reflect the level of talent in any particular actor. *They are ALL talented and amazing!*
  - We will thoroughly review any possible Conflicts & understand that **if we ADD** conflicts after a role has been given, it could be taken away. Be honest & up front with ANY possible conflicts. Being a LEAD role is a big responsibility, and many others in ESCAPE are counting on YOU as well on both Mon. & Wed.
  - **IF other conflicts** arise during the 4 months we will call Elizabeth in the office ASAP to discuss.
  - We will follow the guidelines established by ESCAPE Theatre, and the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center, for the **safety and theatre etiquette** for all students & parents involved in each production.
- \*Thank you for following our guidelines. Please sign the Photo Release/other forms signatures.***