



My trip to the Williamson County Performing Arts Center

A social story



Academy Park
Williamson County
Performing Arts-Enrichment Center



I am going to see a play at the Williamson County Performing Arts Center.



When I get there, I will walk up the ramp or stairs to enter the building through the glass door.



When I enter, I will be in the lobby.
There will be a box office counter, concession
stand, and places to sit.
There will be other people there to
see the play too.





I will buy or scan my ticket at the box office counter.
I may have to stand in line and wait for my turn.





There is a concession stand. I can ask my family if we will visit the concession stand during our visit. It is also okay to pack a snack from home. If I eat a snack, I will need to eat it in the lobby. It is okay to take water into the theatre.





If I need to use the restroom before the play, I will walk up a ramp to the restrooms. After I use the restroom, I will walk back down the ramp to wait in the lobby.





When it is time to find my seat, I will show my ticket to an usher. The usher can help me and my family find our seats.

The number on my ticket tells me which seat to sit in.

Many people will come into the theatre and find their seats while I wait for the play to begin.



I will know the play is about to begin when someone starts to make announcements.

The lights will dim when the show is ready to start.



During the play, the people on the stage will be wearing costumes. They are called actors.





Some people in the theatre may use sign language to communicate for people who cannot hear. An interpreter will be standing near the stage during the performance. This person will sign the words used by the actors at the same time it is being performed.



Sometimes there might be scenes in the play that surprise me. An usher standing near the stage will hold up a light before something surprising is about to happen.



There is a booth in the back corner of the theatre.
Here, the Technical Director runs the controls for all
of the lights and sounds for the show.





If the play sounds too loud, I can use head phones or cover my ears.

If I'm feeling scared or nervous, I can cover my ears or eyes, hold my mom or dad's hand, or hug my mom or dad.



If I need to take a break, I can ask my family to go to the lobby. I can watch the show happening on stage on a TV monitor in the lobby.

I can also ask to go to the reception patio outside. I can come back in the theater when I am ready.



If I need to move during the play, I can go to the open area to the front right side of the theatre. I can stand, walk around, or lay down and stretch. There will be chairs nearby for someone in my family to come with me.

If I see something I like, I
can clap my hands or laugh.
Other people sitting by me
might clap and laugh too.





When the play is over, I can clap or cheer when the actors come out on stage to take their bows.

If the clapping is too loud, I can wear headphones or cover my ears.

Some people may clap their hands by waving them in the air.



When the actors leave the stage, the lights will turn on. People will start to exit the theatre. I may have to wait my turn to leave.

I'll walk through the lobby, and go out through the glass door to exit the Williamson County Performing Arts Center.

The play sounds like a fun time!



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