

BRAND NEW TO STAGE KIDS?

Welcome! We are so glad you're here—and we're here to help! You can find lots of information about Stage Kids at www.stagekidswa.org, but the best way to stay up-to-speed on Stage Kids news and announcements is to [subscribe to our e-newsletter](#) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @StageKidsWA. You can reach out to our team anytime at www.stagekidswa.org or 509-663-6996.

Why Stage Kids?

If you're reading this, you probably already know that participation in performing arts is one of the most impactful investments you can make in your child's wellbeing and development. Research shows that participation in performing arts opportunities improves a child's sense of self and self-confidence; it helps them develop a growth mindset as they are positively encouraged to practice resilience and creative problem-solving; it trains them in what good teamwork looks like—embracing diversity of skills and perspectives; it improves their academic and social-emotional outcomes; and it increases an appreciation for arts and culture as well as civic engagement.

But you already knew all that! Perhaps what you don't know is that, for the very reasons above, Stage Kids' mission is not performing arts; our mission is to *equip your child with life skills, character, and relationships for a bright future*. The performing arts are simply our incredibly fun, incredibly effective medium for doing so!

Stage Kids' Programs

Stage Kids' programs are offered year-round and include performing arts opportunities for kids ages 4-18.

- **CLASSES:** Education is the core of Stage Kids' programs—this is where kids develop most! That's why participation in a Stage Kids class is a requirement for being in a show. Classes are primarily geared toward kids pre-K – 8th grade, but we sometimes have programs for 9th-12th graders, too. Classes take place once per week and last between 45-90 minutes depending on the class. Classes run for 6, 7, or 8 weeks (depending on the class) offered each winter (January-February), spring (April-May), and fall (September-October).
 - **Our Intro to Theater 1 Class is the best place to start if you are new to Stage Kids! Enrollment in or completion of Intro to Theater 1 is required in order to participate in a show, and Intro to Theater 1 and 2 are typically prerequisites for taking other elective Stage Kids classes.**
 - Performance Classes offer kids the opportunity to perform a dedicated role in a Spotlight Production! They learn their roles in a class format (once per week), but do participate in tech/show week as their hard work is incorporated into the show. This is a great “preparatory” step for kids (and parents!) who are looking forward to being in the cast of a Spotlight Production as it eases them into the

commitment of rehearsals 2-3x/week, rehearsing at home, parent volunteer hours, etc.

- **SHOWS:** Performance opportunities are where everything kids learn in classes gets applied, and our whole community comes together to enjoy and celebrate! In 2024/2025, we are planning on several show offerings:
 - Summer Production Camp for kids in 2nd-6th grade (June)
 - Summer Production Camp for kids in 6th-8th grade (July)
 - Summer Teen Show for youth ages 13-18 (June-July)
 - Fall Spotlight Production (our 10-year anniversary family show!) for kids in 4th-8th grade and their families! (September-November)
 - Winter Show for kids in 3rd-5th grade (January-March)
 - Spring Spotlight Production for kids in 5th-8th grade (March-May)

- **CAMPS:** **Our one-week Summer Camps for kids pre-K – 8th grade are another great way to get an introduction to Stage Kids**, where kids have a blast with performing arts activities, games, and crafts while learning the fundamentals of theater, vocal projection/singing, and choreographed movement. Camp culminates with a “showcase” performance for family and friends!