



PROJECT SPEAK UP!
2019/20 AUDITION APPLICATION

SPEAK UP! is an original, award-winning play written and performed by Santa Margarita Catholic High School students that gives voice to some of the most troubling and traumatic issues facing young people today. The often-taboo topics of identity, sexual assault, harassment and suicide are brought to the stage in a powerful 25-minute performance that serves as a catalyst for conversation afterward. SPEAK UP! seeks to educate and empower young people and to equip adults with the tools they need to listen and support them. SPEAK UP! is a call to action.

SPEAK UP! is more relevant than ever since the amendment of [sec. 215 of the education code](#) relating to student health, specifically suicide prevention, in grades 7-12. California Assembly Bill 2639 notes it is imperative that when a young person comes to school staff for help, that person has the knowledge, tools, and resources to respond. However, research on teacher and school staff preparedness has identified a lack of experience, training, and confidence to appropriately address mental health issues and suicidal ideation among students. SPEAK UP! is a tool that catalyzes educators to develop their Framework of Care to support students in the school setting.

NAME: _____ GRADE 2019/20 _____

I have seen the play: YES NO

My parent has seen the play: YES NO

I have discussed the content of the play with my parents. YES NO

I would like to interview and audition for a role in SPEAK UP! YES

I understand that if I am cast, I am making a year-long commitment to Project SPEAK UP! which may require travel and missing school. YES

I agree to participate in training as a SPEAK UP! "Peer Counselor." YES

I agree to committing to an initial rehearsal schedule in August (Times and Dates to be determined) and periodic brush- up rehearsals prior to performances. (Normally day of performance) YES

I have attached a one-page statement explaining why I would like to participate in Project SPEAK UP!

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____