



Casting vs. Education at OPPA!

Why What You Learn Matters More Than the Role You Play

At OPPA!, we believe in the power of theatre education to build stronger individuals and, in turn, better communities. Our mission is rooted in education, not competition—and we achieve that through classes, rehearsals, and performances that sometimes include casting. Yes, casting is a necessary part of putting on a show. But at OPPA!, the size of your role does not determine the value of your experience. If you or your child are only interested in participating if cast in a lead role, our programs may not be the best fit.



What We Believe:

- Every student, no matter the role, gains skills that last a lifetime—like teamwork, leadership, confidence, communication, and resilience.*
- Theatre teaches us how to collaborate, how to listen, how to speak up, and how to support others.*
- The most powerful learning often happens not in the spotlight, but in the ensemble, in the quiet moments, and in the shared effort of a team.*



A Note to Parents:

We ask you to evaluate your expectations—and your child's—before enrolling in a show-based class. The way you respond to the cast list can turn casting into a celebration or a disappointment. Your reaction sets the tone for how your child will grow from the experience.

We encourage open communication. If you or your child have questions about the casting process, please ask before auditions. We're happy to help you understand how we cast, why we do it that way, and what your child can gain no matter what part they play.



At OPPA!, we're here to create more than performers—we're here to nurture humans. And that starts with how we value every role, every student, and every learni