

Audition Class

Alta Vista Drama Club

How Auditions Work

- Auditions will be held in the AV Cafeteria after school
- There will be 8-10 actors per 30 minute time slot
- Actors will each sing their prepared song (1.5 minutes max)
- You can sing with music or without (acapella)
- Then we will read some lines, one at a time
- Auditions are closed, meaning actors only in the cafeteria, parents can wait outside for their actors

Picking a Song

- Pick a song you like to sing
- Broadway and Disney songs are encouraged
- Songs from Beauty & the Beast are discouraged
- Maximum time for singing is 1.5 minutes
- Focus on the best part of the song
- It's fun to sing to a karaoke track, they can be edited for length
- Singing to a track **w/ vocals** is discouraged because we can't hear you

More Tips

- Pick a song that has a similar character to the part you want to get
- Pick a song that allows you to show your personality
- Pick a song that has some story to it, to encourage movement and acting
- You can search for Disney animated movie songs on YouTube to get ideas
- Try to move, act and play the character
- Relax and have fun. That's more important than being perfect.

Music for Your Audition

Please use these tips for audition music. Following these tips can help you have a smooth audition:

- If you plan to sing to a background track, bring a device to play the song
- YouTube videos can be challenging for background (karaoke) tracks. They have ads and sometimes the internet connection is not stable
- We suggest playing a karaoke track located on the device or possibly in Apple Music.
- Have the track cued up so you can just press play

Callback Auditions

- Callbacks are a second round of auditions
- Callbacks are the day after auditions
- Not all actors will receive a callback
- Callback information will be given to performers at the end of their audition time slot if they receive a callback

A Good Audition

4 Levels

The Levels

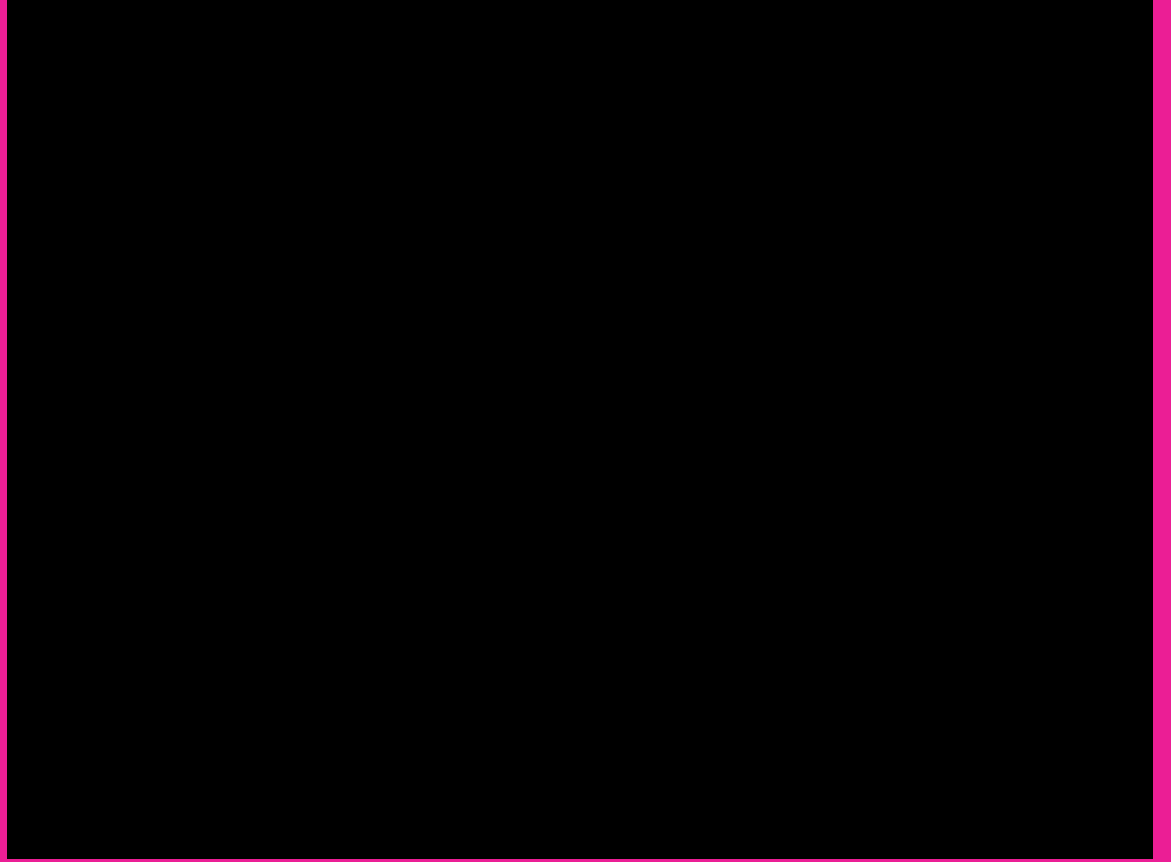
We will show 4 auditions, featuring Kira, our Choreographer. Each video improves on the last. They are all good auditions but Level 4 is the most interesting performance to watch. It is the most believable.

Level 1

In a Level 1 Audition

- You know your song well
 - You have memorized the lyrics
 - You sing loud enough to be heard over the music
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Level 1



Level 2

In a Level 2 Audition

- You do all the Level 1 stuff
 - You think about what the character is feeling and thinking
 - You use your face to express those feelings
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Level 2

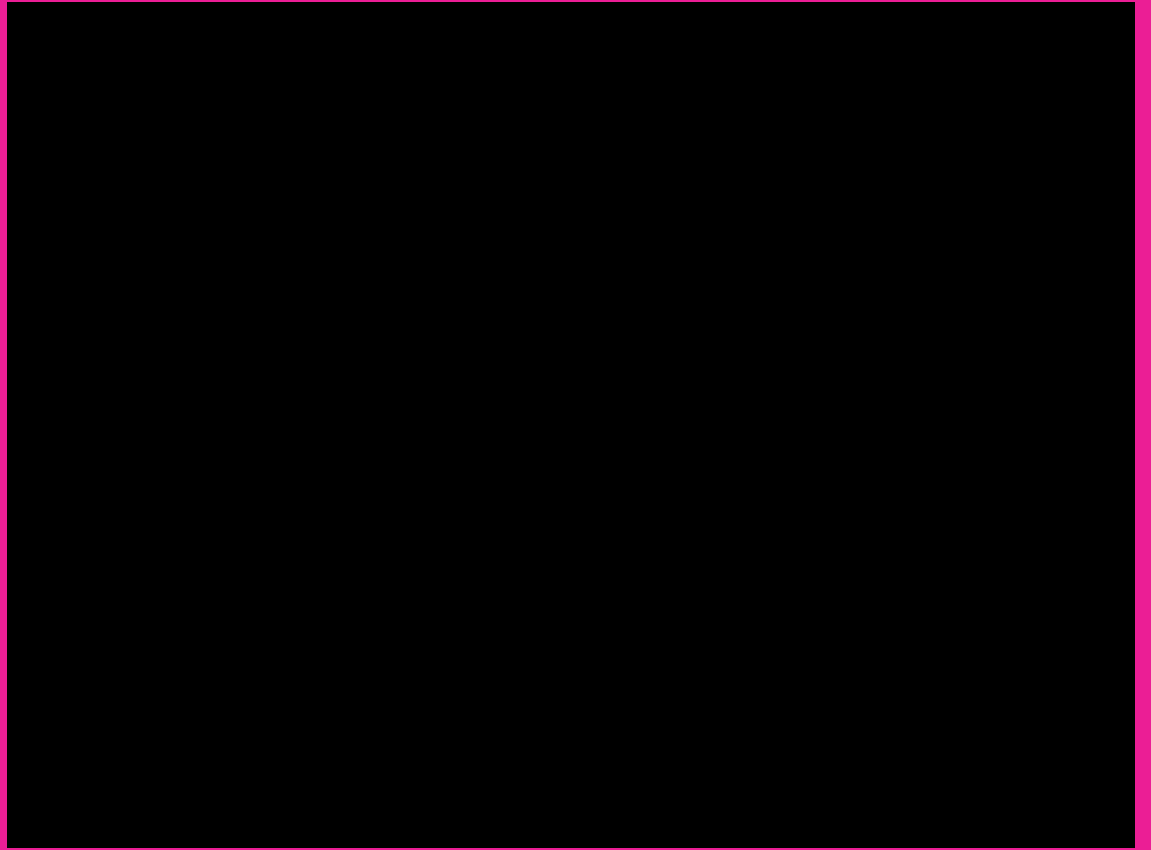


Level 3

In a Level 3 Audition

- You do all the Level 2 stuff
 - You use your body to show what the character is doing
 - You move around and use the space you have
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Level 3



Level 4

In a Level 4 Audition

- You do all the Level 3 stuff
 - You pretend you are in that scene in the show/movie
 - BE the character
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Level 4



Practice, Practice, Practice

You got this!

Bonus Tip - How to Slate

A **Slate** is how you introduce yourself to the Director at the beginning of your audition

Include:

- First and last name
- Grade
- Song title
- Show / Movie / Album

Have fun!

We can't wait to see you at Auditions!