GOING TO THE THEATRE
DEWITT MAIN THEATRE
I am going to see a show at Hope Summer Repertory Theatre located in the DeWitt Center.

The address is 141 E 12th St, Holland, MI 49423.
I will follow the flags to get to the Theatre entrance. There will be two revolving doors and a large double door. Either one I go through will get me into the theatre lobby.
If I go through the double doors, I will go around the corner to my right to get to the ticket office.
If I go through the revolving doors, the ticket office will be directly to my left.
I go to the ticket office to buy or pick up my ticket. The person there will ask for my name to find my ticket.
My ticket tells me which theatre to go to, where I am sitting, and what time the show starts.
Once I have my ticket, I wait in the lobby for the theatre doors to open. This happens about 30 minutes before the show starts.
While I wait, I can visit The Guild Store where I can purchase t-shirts, accessories, and treats that I can enjoy before the show. I can also ask the person at the guild store for a sensory bag if I need it.
I should also take this time to go to the bathroom since I won’t be able to during the show. The bathrooms will be on the other side of the lobby from the Guild Store, where the double doors to the outside is located.
About 30 minutes before the show starts, an usher will open the theatre doors. They will check my ticket before I find my seat.
Once I enter the theatre, an usher will guide me to my assigned seat.

They will give me a program that has information about the show and the actors.
Once I am in the theatre, I will find a seat with the friend, parent, or guardian I came with and wait patiently for the show to start. I will try not to touch anything on the stage as I find my seat.
I will know when the show is starting when the theatre starts to get dark. Once the actors come out and the show starts, I will sit quietly and watch the show. I will remember that the actors can see and hear me, just like I can see and hear them.
I can clap or sign applause when a song ends to show that I enjoyed it.
If I feel overwhelmed during any point of the show, I can use any of the tools in the Sensory Bag, such as the stress ball, the fidget tool, or the headphones.

If I need a break, a house manager will help me exit the theatre.
My program will tell me if there is a break, or "intermission" in the middle of the show.

This is when I can stretch my legs and use the bathroom before the second half starts.
Once the show ends, the actors will come out for bows. I can stand and clap or sign applause to show that I enjoyed the show.

Other people will be clapping too. If this is too overwhelming, I can use the headphones in the sensory bag.
An usher will then help guide people out of the theater and back up to the lobby. I will wait patiently for my turn to get out of my seat and follow my friend, parent, or guardian out of the theater.
When I get to the lobby, the Guild Store will still be open, and I can go back to get any merchandise or food as well as return my Sensory Bag.
If I want to meet the cast, I will wait patiently in the lobby with my friend, parent, or guardian until they come out from back stage.
Once I am ready, I will leave the theatre with my friend, parent, or guardian.
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