



2024 FALL SEMESTER: General Information and FAQs

Enrollment in SCCT Classes is open to children ages 3-17. Registrants must be fully potty-trained and independent in the restroom. Any questions or needs regarding SCCT classes can be addressed with **SCCT Education Associate, Anna Bowman** at 864.235.2885 extension 105 or by email at anna@scchildrenstheatre.org.

FALL SEMESTER is 12 weeks – two weeks longer than in the past. We have shifted our schedule to better match the Greenville County Schools start and end dates. Fall semester starts earlier (late August instead of after Labor Day), but most classes will still finish before Thanksgiving Break. Similarly, our Spring semester will start in January (instead of March) and finish in early May. So, Fall and Spring will be longer semesters, but there will be no Winter Mini-mester this year. **New student video** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqZHI9eSbn4>

LOCATION SCCT classes take place at South Carolina Children's Theatre at 153 Augusta Street. The entrance is around the back of the building. Look for the DROP OFF sign and the colorful breezeway.

REGISTRATION and NOTIFICATIONS Registration begins July 16, 2024. Prices listed for each class reflect a \$25 early enrollment discount until July 31—***all early enrollments will also receive a FREE SCCT T-shirt!*** On August 1, online tuition listings will automatically reflect the full tuition amount. To register online, please visit scchildrenstheatre.org and click on the EDUCATION and then CLASSES tabs. Online payment must be made with a credit card. You may also register by phone (please realize Anna is sometimes teaching instead of at her desk so leave a detailed msg please). **Our classes tend to sell-out so don't delay in enrolling in the ones that you like.** Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email as well as a reminder email the week before your class starts. Please pay close attention to the details of your class.

REFUNDS/CANCELLATION If you cancel no later than 10 days before your first class, tuition less a \$30 Class Cancellation Fee will be refunded. If you cancel less than 10 days before class begins, no refund or credit will be issued. If your plans change at the last minute, we will gladly switch you to another class if space is available. SCCT reserves the right to cancel classes that have not met enrollment minimums before the first class. Classes, faculty, and schedule are subject to change.

WAITING LISTS We do keep a waiting list on all classes that fill and if enough people are on it, we will try to add another session of the class or switch rooms to allow for a higher number of students.

COVID PRECAUTIONS Masks are OPTIONAL for everyone – students & teachers alike. We will fully support anyone's choice to wear a mask. Everyone washes hands upon arrival. We will continue to monitor the COVID situation in our area and reserve the right to make adjustments to safety protocols accordingly.

SNACK All 3+hr workshops will take a snack break. **WE DO NOT HAVE STOCKED VENDING MACHINES.** We encourage you to send snack bags & water bottles LABELLED with your child's name. Please be aware that many children have very serious nut allergies and can be affected if they breathe near children eating nut-based food or touch the hand of a child who has touched nuts. Please avoid sending food that has nuts of any kind in it.

WHAT TO WEAR Students should dress comfortably – skirts and dresses are not recommended—light layers are ideal. For young students, please make sure they are in clothes that allow them to successfully undress/redress themselves as needed to go to the bathroom. All students should wear shoes that remain securely on their feet and cover their toes—**NO FLIP-FLOPS OR CLOGS PLEASE!**

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES Our Parking Lot is a Pay Lot except for SCCT Students WITH a dash card displayed—one will be given at the first class or please request one at the Education Door if you plan to park and leave your car unattended.

DROP OFF Students may be dropped off at the sidewalk/covered breezeway to walk up to the Education Door on their own, or you can park in the lot and caregivers can escort students to the door. Please only drop off 5 minutes before class starts.

ON THE FIRST CLASS DAY (week of Aug 26-30)

We will post the SCCT Parking Only sign so only cars with SCCT business will be allowed to park without being ticketed. Your child will be given a parking pass at the end of their first class and will bring it to you at pick-up. For all remaining class weeks, please put that card on your dash during your child's class. There will be no one at the curb, so if your child is not familiar & confident with our drop off procedure, you should plan to park in a space and escort your child into the Education Lobby to sign them in—also a great chance to meet the teacher and assistant for your child's class. We have discovered that very young kids who may not be familiar with public restrooms, benefit from their parent showing them how our self-flushing toilets work.

PICKUP All students will be walked out to the car pick up line at the end of their class. Please line up for your class pickup no earlier than 5 minutes before your class end time—we have multiple classes releasing throughout the day and a fairly small area for cars to line up without blocking traffic on Augusta St. Simply park in our lot until it is time to line up. We do not allow students to walk to a parked car without a caregiver to escort them from the sidewalk and for a student to leave our property unaccompanied, we will need written permission in advance from parent/guardian.

ATTENDANCE If you know in advance that your child will be absent for a class, please directly email the instructor. Because each class builds on skills and activities from the previous week, absences affect preparation for the recorded sharing at the end of the semester. There are no refunds or make-up classes for days your student is absent.

CAREGIVER ATTENDANCE Caregivers and siblings are allowed into the Education Lobby during class times (though not allowed in the actual classrooms except for the SAMPLE classes). Caregivers are welcome to escort their child into the building and meet the teacher, but if you elect to remain during your child's class, please make chairs in the Education Lobby available for our students—it's a busy place! Caregivers may also elect to wait at the end of the breezeway to receive their child at the end of class, but please note, we do not allow students to walk to a parked car without a caregiver to escort them from the sidewalk across the traffic lanes. And to leave the property unaccompanied, we will need written permission.

IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSING DUE TO WEATHER We will determine if the roads seem safe for our afternoon classes. We DO NOT NECESSARILY cancel classes when schools do, as we don't have buses that need to run early in the morning. Your teacher will email you the afternoon of your class if we are canceling and send you the plan for the make-up class.

ACCOMODATIONS to SPECIAL NEEDS There is a field on the online registration form to list allergies and any other special needs. You may also email specifics to your instructor (when you receive your reminder email which includes their email address a week before your class starts) of any medical conditions, allergies (especially food allergies), learning/processing issues or special needs that were listed on your registration. Teachers can only accommodate students' specific needs when they are made aware of them. This includes any reading difficulties, processing or stimulus issues, or behavioral anomalies. If given enough advance notice, class activities can be altered, additional staff can be added, or teachers can shift class conduct expectations to ensure that all students are engaged and comfortable. Open communication with families helps us create a successful environment for every student.

PRODUCTION LEVEL CLASSES are designed for experienced students and will typically run 14 weeks for Fall and Spring (ONStage for K5-5th runs longer and requires an Audition). We only accept students into these classes who have at minimum 1 full year of Process based classes at SCCT (more than 1 year is preferred). All PRODUCTION level students need to have the same foundational knowledge so that class time can be spent honing previously acquired skills. We will not have time to teach the terminology that should be working knowledge for a student at this level. Before moving into a PRODUCTION level class, students should be able to: name the parts of the stage, use abbreviations for stage directions and blocking notation, be able to define basic theatrical terms, understand CROoWw, be familiar with Lessac energies and Laban qualities as well as wanting to be given more responsibilities/homework and be willing to repeat material weekly for rehearsal and complete reading assignments in a week. There are expectations of behavior, focus and attendance at the PRODUCTION level. Your current SCCT teacher is always the best reference for whether your child is ready to move up and you should email them regarding your child's progression if you have questions.