

**ABC PLAYERS PLAY PROPOSAL FORM**  
**2026-2027**

Play: Disney's High School Musical

Author: Book By - David Simpatico; Songs By - Bryan Louiselle, Faye Greenberg, David N. Lawrence, Greg Cham, Matthew Gerrard, Robbie Nevil, Ray Cham, Andrew Seeley, Randy Petersen, Kevin Quinn, Adam Watts, Jamie Houston, Andy Dodd; Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced By - Bryan Louiselle; Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie written by Peter Barsocchini.

Director: Sam Pelham Kunz & Jodi MacNeal

Check Preferred Time(s):    Fall    December    Winter    Spring

Cast Requirements: (provide number needed)

20+  
5 Leading/Supporting teenage guy roles  
1 Supporting adult guy role  
4 Leading/Support teenage girl roles  
1 Supporting adult woman role

Several other teenage and adult roles needed for ensemble.

Plot Synopsis:

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on stage! Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extracurricular activities.

It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical that is being led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

Disney's High School Musical is fun for the whole family. Its large cast size and upbeat numbers make it the ideal show for middle and high school productions or the highlight of any community theatre's season!

Unusual Technical Aspects (set, costuming, music, lighting, dialect, etc.):

Basketballs may be involved in one or two dance numbers.

Names/Positions of Committed Staff (Optional):

Sam Pelham Kunz – Co-Director  
Jodi MacNeal – Co-Director  
Jacci Clark – Assistant Director and NYDC Liaison  
Jenn Fritchley - Choreographer

Other Comments:

Costumes and set are pretty easy given it takes place at a high school in present day. Kids of all ages resonate and are drawn to the show's fun choreo and music.

Budget Estimates:

Costumes	\$750	Royalties	\$3,000
Lights	\$1,000	Scripts	\$
Programs	\$300	Set	\$1,500
Props	\$500	Sound Effects/Video	\$250
Publicity	\$300	TOTAL	\$

Characters/Roles:

**Troy Bolton**

The most popular kid at East High, he is the star of the basketball team who yearns to be more than what people want him to be. Troy discovers his love for music but refuses to admit it. Athletic, attractive, and a true leader. He becomes smitten with Gabriella.

Gender: male

Age: 14 to 18

Vocal range top: B5

Vocal range bottom: B3

**Chad Danforth**

Troy's best friend. A star basketball player, part of the jocks, and second in command. Extremely focused on winning his school's basketball championship, but is slowly understanding that there might be more to this world, including his sparring crush on Taylor.

Gender: male  
Age: 14 to 18  
Vocal range top: B5  
Vocal range bottom: A3

### **Zeke Baylor**

A basketball player on the Wildcats Team. Energetic and charismatic. He has two secrets: a crush on Sharpay and a love for baking, which he is happy and relieved to eventually reveal.

Gender: male  
Age: 14 to 18  
Vocal range top: G5  
Vocal range bottom: B3

### **Sharpay Evans**

The egocentric diva star of the school musicals, she is Ryan's older twin and the alpha dog. She thinks being the musical star defines her and clutches the title like her life depends on it, no matter what the cost to others.

Gender: female  
Age: 14 to 18  
Vocal range top: F5  
Vocal range bottom: A3

### **Ryan Evans**

Sharpay's fraternal twin and a self-delusional 'star in the making.' He typically feels the brunt of Sharpay's attacks and lives under her shadow. Although he possesses a diva exterior, he yearns to change.

Gender: male  
Age: 14 to 18  
Vocal range top: B5  
Vocal range bottom: B3

### **Gabriella Montez**

The new girl in school. She is trying to blend in and avoid 'labels' at her new school. Eventually becomes Troy's romantic counterpart. Pretty, shy, and smart.

Gender: female  
Age: 14 to 18  
Vocal range top: E5  
Vocal range bottom: F3

### **Taylor Mckessie**

The competitive head Brainiac of the school and President of the Science Club. She convinces Gabriella to join the Science Decathlon team. Taylor has a hidden soft spot for Chad, which she hides.

Gender: female  
Age: 14 to 18  
Vocal range top: C5  
Vocal range bottom: G3

### **Jack Scott**

The resident P.A. Announcer for the high school. He is shy and insecure in front of the rest of the kids, but smooth and confident at the mic. Known as the "Velvet Fog of East High."

Gender: male

Age: 14 to 18

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: B3

### **Kelsi Nielsen**

The drama club's rehearsal pianist and student composer extraordinaire who is having her musical produced at school. Underneath her shy demeanor, Kelsi is an outspoken firecracker.

Gender: female

Age: 14 to 18

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: A3

### **Ms. Darbus**

The kooky, eccentric Drama Club teacher. She has her self-absorbed moments but is still devoted to her students and constantly encourages them. Passionate about the art of theatre.

Gender: female

Age: 35 to 55

### **Coach Bolton**

The stern basketball coach and Troy's dad. He lost the big game years ago and wants his son to succeed where he failed. Blinded by his ambition for his son, he is still a good guy and proud father.

Gender: male

Age: 40 to 45

### **Ensemble**

Jocks; Thespians; Skaters; Cheerleaders; Party Kids; Adults; Brainiacs; Spectators