

John Jacobson's 11 Reasons to do Musicals

School musicals offer so much to enhance student learning across the curriculum. They serve as stimuli for creativity in addition to subject matter concept practice, curriculum standards, visual arts integration, writing, researching, technology, and school spirit.

1. **Easy to Do**

Our classroom musicals require absolutely no musical knowledge or ability, and can be put on without extensive staging or rehearsal.

2. **Reinforce the Curriculum**

Whenever possible we try to emphasize common core and other national standards.

3. **Spark the Learning Process**

Participating in a musical play is a hands-on learning experience that makes the curriculum jump out of the textbook and come alive.

4. **Cross Language and Learning Barriers**

Students of all levels, interests, and abilities respond to the theatrical presentation of material. "Reluctant" learners shine when given a part in a play, and [gifted students](#) have a blast making the material their own! I think, Our plays also work brilliantly for [English language learners](#) and [special education and special needs students](#).

5. **Build Classroom Camaraderie**

Putting on a show builds teamwork, cooperation, and mutual support. Students feel good about themselves, each other, and learning.

6. **Integrate the Arts**

Our musical plays are designed to make it easy to bring art, speech, movement, theater, music, and singing into your already bulging curriculum.

7. **Great flexibility : Make them yours.**

8. **Excellent for cooperation with your Drama Programs and Home School Cooperatives**

Our flexible casting makes it easy to tailor the show to your needs.

9. **Increase Parental Involvement**

These productions—no matter how simple—get families and the entire school community involved in and excited about what's going on in your classroom.

10. **Fun, Educational, and Rewarding**

Student, teachers, administrators, and families love their kids being involved in something as visible as musicals.

11. But my number one motivation for encouraging people to do musicals is **"What you learn through music you don't forget"**