

Winston Churchill High School Tech Crew Parent Permission Form

Your student has expressed interest in joining Tech Crew for the 2023-2024 school year. Tech crew works on construction, painting, lighting, sound, and special effects for Churchill's three main stage productions. This backstage work is an enjoyable and exciting part of the theatrical experience. Students may have an opportunity to use complicated and expensive equipment which requires careful and responsible operation to create a pleasing and safe theatrical experience. Some of this equipment and materials includes drills, saws of multiple types, sanders, grinders, pneumatic tools, hand tools, paint and stains, ladders, scaffolding, lighting instruments, microphones, theatrical control consoles, and other theatrical related equipment and tools.

Students who elect to work on technical crews are trained in the safe operation of all equipment, tools, and facilities. They are guided by student crew leads that have had prior experience and are supervised by the Technical Director who has expertise in all these areas. In the event the Technical Director is not available on a given day, crews will be supervised by the show Director(s). In the event that no one is available to supervise the crews, tech would be canceled for the given day.

In order for your child to participate, parent permission must be obtained. Please discuss with your child the sense of responsibility that goes with such work in terms of commitment, safety, and remaining fully committed to classes and school work. If your student fails to meet the educational requirements and safety/theater rules, the Technical Director may dismiss your student from the tech crew.

If you approve of your student's participation, please fill out and return this permission form.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Ben Schnapp

Technical Director

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_____ has permission to participate as a member of a backstage technical crew. I understand that my student will be trained in the safe operation of tools and equipment. I further understand that logical and prescribed safety regulations will be responsibility met. Your student may work with lighting instruments in the catwalk areas above the stage and may operate power tools for scenery construction under proper supervision and after proper training.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date