

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: 27

Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size without compromising the plot.

The non-speaking characters can be removed.

Some of the speaking characters appear in only one or two scenes. This allows for the 'doubling-up' of parts played by your cast, thus reducing the number you need to fulfil all the main roles, as below:

Speaking Part	Also playing part/s
Child #1 (Sc 2, 8)	Child #7 (Sc 4) and PTA chairperson (Sc 6)
Child #2 (Sc 2, 8)	Child #8 (Sc 4) and St Johns Rep (Sc 6)
Child #3 (Sc 2, 8)	Child #9 (Sc 4) and Parent #1 (Sc 6)
Child #4 (Sc 4, 8)	Child #10 (Sc 4) and Parent #2 (Sc 6)
Child #5 (Sc 4, 8)	Child #11 (Sc 4) and Parent #3 (Sc 6)
Child #6 (Sc 4, 8)	Child #12 (Sc 4) and Parent #4 (Sc 6)
Rounders Player #1 (Sc 5)	Letter Writer (Sc 7)
Rounders Player #2 (Sc 5)	Letter Writer (Sc 7)
Rounders Player #3 (Sc 5)	Letter Writer (Sc 7)

Increasing the cast size

To **100+**

For this production, you can have **unlimited numbers of non-speaking characters** in the scenes where they appear. They could also feature prominently in the performance of the song associated with their particular scene:

Non-Speaking Part	Appearing in scene/s
More Children	3, 5, 6, 8
More Staff	5, 6, 8
Extra Rounders-Players	5
PTA Members	6
More Parents	6
Dancers	6

You could also have a dedicated choir seated to one side of the stage, to sing all songs – number unlimited.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions about staging this musical – we're always happy to help!