

Oregon Straw Hat Players
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Guidelines for Accessible Seating

When we use the Oregon School District Performing Arts Center accessible seating is already addressed by the venue. When we are in other places where we set up flexible seating ourselves using chairs without arms these principles apply under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Aisles must be at least 36 inches wide and have an incline of no more than 1 inch in 12 to reach wheelchair spaces.

Wheel chair spaces must be at least 30 inches by 48 if entered from the rear, or 30 inches by 60 if entered from the side, with at least one adjacent seat available for a companion. Both must be clearly marked with standard signage.

The number of wheelchair spaces is determined by total capacity:

- 25 or less 1
- 26-50 2
- 51-300 4
- 301-500 6
- Over 500 6 plus one additional for each increase of 100

The above numbers may be limited by the actual layout of the room. For example, at the Prairie View Elementary Little Theater the risers make only two spaces possible

Wheelchair spaces must be distributed throughout the seating area.

Wheelchair spaces must be placed in locations that afford a high-quality view and a comparable line of sight to the playing area as most other seats.

Wheelchair accessible seating areas must remain open for wheelchair use at all times to allow late seating of disabled patrons in accordance with the late seating provisions of patrons not using wheelchairs. If all other seats are filled and no wheelchair patrons are waiting then chairs may be added to accommodate others.