

High School Musical JR. - Character Information

LEAD ROLES

Troy Bolton

- Popular basketball star
- Confident leader, but secretly loves singing
- Torn between basketball and music
- **Needs:** Strong actor, singer, and dancer
- **Personality:** Kind, conflicted, brave

Gabriella Montez

- New student, very smart and shy
- Finds confidence through singing
- Doesn't fit into one clique
- **Needs:** Strong singer and actor
- **Personality:** Sweet, thoughtful, determined

Sharpay Evans

- Drama club diva and musical theatre star
- Loves attention and being in charge
- Over-the-top and dramatic
- **Needs:** Big personality, strong singer and dancer
- **Personality:** Confident, dramatic, demanding

Ryan Evans

- Sharpay's twin brother
- Talented performer living in Sharpay's shadow
- Precise, energetic, and stylish
- **Needs:** Big personality, strong singer and dancer
- **Personality:** Polished, eager, expressive

SUPPORTING LEAD ROLES

Chad Danforth

- Troy's best friend
- Basketball-focused, suspicious of theatre
- Develops feelings for Taylor
- **Needs:** Actor, strong singer
- **Personality:** Loyal, competitive, funny

Taylor McKessie

- Smart, confident leader of the Brainiacs
- Wants Gabriella on the Science team
- Secret crush on Chad
- **Needs:** Strong actor with a confident presence, strong singer
- **Personality:** Assertive, intelligent, driven

Kelsi Nielsen

- Shy composer of the school musical
- Talented but often overlooked
- Not a fan of Sharpay's attitude
- **Needs:** Actor who can sing (has a solo line)
- **Personality:** Quiet, kind, creative

Zeke Baylor

- Basketball player with a secret love for baking
- Has a crush on Sharpay
- Sweet and sincere
- **Needs:** Strong actor and singer
- **Personality:** Gentle, awkward, earnest

Martha Cox

- Brainiac with a secret love for dancing
- Comic role
- **Needs:** Strong dancer, comedic actor and singer
- **Personality:** Energetic, enthusiastic, quirky

Ms. Darbus

- Dramatic theatre teacher
- Passionate about the arts
- Big personality with strong comedic timing
- **Needs:** Strong actor
- **Personality:** Dramatic, caring, intense

Coach Bolton

- Basketball coach and Troy's dad
- Pushes Troy toward basketball
- **Needs:** Strong actor, comedic timing
- **Personality:** Stern, proud, well-meaning

Jack Scott

- School announcer / wannabe DJ
- Big personality, comedic
- **Needs:** Strong character actor
- **Personality:** "nerdy" and quirky, a confident speaker

OTHER FEATURED ROLES

Drum Major

- Cheers on the Wildcats

Ms. Tenny

- Chemistry teacher

Moderator

- Science Decathlon host
- Can be double cast with Ms. Tenny

Named Thespians (with a solo singing line):

- **Cathy** – Big belting voice
- **Cyndra** – Opera lover
- **James** – Can't sing on pitch (comic)
- **Susan** – Wannabe pop star

ENSEMBLE & LEAD DANCER ROLES

Jocks & Cheerleaders (Main Dancers)

- Athletes of East High
- Includes Troy, Chad, Zeke
- **Needs:** Energy, group singing, strong dancing skills

Brainiacs

- Smart students, Science Club
- Includes Taylor, Kelsi, Martha
- **Needs:** Character acting, group singing, strong movement skills

Thespians

- Theatre kids
- Includes Sharpay, Ryan, Kelsi
- **Needs:** Big personalities, strong performance energy and movement skills

Party Kids

- Appear in Troy & Gabriella's karaoke flashback

Rebels

- Students who don't fit into cliques
- Includes Troy & Gabriella