

Zombies!

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Genre: Dark Comedy

Length: 80 minutes

Cast: 25 actors, gender flexible, some doubling possible

Set: Extremely flexible; no full sets are necessary. All locations can be represented by movable set pieces, props, and lighting.

In this dark comedy, a fast-acting zombie virus overruns a local high school after a freak explosion during a routine chemistry lab. Despite a few fires in the building, classes are still in session; but the school's production of *Alice in Wonderland* has been cancelled due to the outbreak. Alice roams the halls seeking vengeance, student reporters cover the story while the librarian consults her survival guide, and the custodian tries to locate a suspicious locker for police. Homecoming activities remain underway since the senior class president wants everything on schedule for the dance on Friday, and the bus is scheduled to leave for the state soccer championship. Meanwhile, the new kid thinks he can create a cure for the infection, and it's a race against time for a group of survivors as they struggle to keep the infection contained and the zombies at bay. This quick-paced romp offers a variety of opportunities for actors and designers.