



Liberty Middle School

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Beginning Theatre Mrs. Samantha Hicks

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/2095 Schoology Link: https://madisoncity.schoology.com/ (Can be accessed through MCS account)
Textbook Information, Required Texts, and Other Instructional Materials	Scripts will be provided for the course from Theatrical Rights Worldwide Textbook- <i>The Stage and the School</i> McGraw Hill https://www.dramanotebook.com https://theatrefolk.com https://playscripts.com https://www.pioneerdrama.com <i>Parents and guardians can access other supplemental material through the Schoology platform.</i>
Course Description	This course will offer students exposure to basic theatre knowledge and acting skills. Students will build confidence and become more comfortable expressing themselves in front of others.
Course Objectives	Students will learn invaluable life skills, establish new friendships, and have a comforting place of belonging and acceptance. This is a performance-based class. Students will participate in theatre team building, games, and performances.
Course Outline *subject to change based on student needs	Course Outline: Week 1-2 Stage Basics and Theatre History Week 2-3 Pantomime/Movement Week 3-5 Improvisation Week 5-7 Voice and Diction Week 7-9 Group Performances
Classroom Expectations	In this class, we always treat each other with kindness and respect. We support each other in performances and work together as a team. In the event that a student is disrespectful or misbehaves, I will adhere to MCS and LMS policy regarding discipline. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No cell phones during instructional time. 2. Come prepared to class and be on time to avoid being marked tardy (3 tardies will result in parent contact). 3. Be respectful of the teacher, property, and other students 4. Students must sign out and have a pass to leave the classroom 5. Students must use correct email format
Technology and Cell Phone Procedures	Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices and using their MCS accounts. Cell phones and earbuds/headphones will not be allowed to be used during classroom instruction time. Phones and earbuds/headphones will be put away in a location designated by the teacher and placed in silent mode. Students will have access to their phones and earbuds/headphones outside of classroom instruction time, such as between classes and during lunch, but devices should be put away when

	students are in the serving line. Failure to follow these procedures will result in a disciplinary referral to the office.
Progressive Discipline <i>(LMS Policy)</i>	Liberty Middle School Classroom Management Plan: Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference with parent notification Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention Step 5: Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses (Madison City Schools Code of Conduct)
Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i>	60% Tests/major performances 40% Daily/participation/ assignments
Late Work Policy	Late work will be accepted up to 3 days after the initial due date, with a deduction of 10 points each day it's late. After 3 days, the highest grade students can make is 70 percent. For performances, students may be able to make up the individual performance, but group performances may be made up with an alternative assignment.
Make-up Work/ Test Policy	Students will be allowed to make up work for excused absences. Work missed in an exploratory class may be impossible to make up. If unusual circumstances exist, the principal may extend the time allowed to complete the work. For unexcused absences, students will receive zeros for all work (including tests) missed. The scheduled days for Electives are Mondays and Thursdays . If school is closed, tests may be given on the following school day.
Homework	Homework will include line memorization and practice for activities in class.
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	**I have read the syllabus and agree to adhere to the rules and procedures outlined above. Student Name _____ Student Signature _____ Date _____ Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____