



BEGINNING THEATRE Syllabus

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Course 9 Weeks Course

Description: 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students

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 be introduced to the basics of theater such as stage directions, vocalization techniques (projection and breathing), some improv, makeup, and put on a small performance at the end of the course.

TH 1.6c. Explore a scripted or improvised character by imagining the given circumstances in a drama/theatre work.

TH 2.6b. Contribute ideas and accept and incorporate the ideas of others in preparing or devising drama/theatre work.

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TH 4.6b. Experiment with various physical choices to communicate character in a drama/theatre work.

TH:5.6a. Recognize how acting exercises and techniques can be applied to a drama/theatre work.

Classroom Expectations: Students will cover the concepts listed above and be able to demonstrate understanding through activities/exercises/performances.

Accommodations:

Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents.

Rules and Procedures:

1. Be respectful to yourself, your fellow students, your teacher, and school property.
2. No cellphones are allowed during class. They must remain in your backpack which will be left in a designated area.

Grading Policy: Test grades will account for 60% of the 9-weeks grade, with the remaining 40% being determined by quiz/daily grades. The grading scale is as follows: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (65-69), and F (below 65). Grades will be a reflection of mastery of the standards. Make sure all absences are excused as class work can be made up and graded for excused absences only.

Make-up Work: -**You** are responsible for getting your own make up work if you have an excused absence and you are responsible for turning it in and making it count. It is not my responsibility to ask you for it.
-If you are present the day an assignment is given and are present the day it is due, then you will get a **zero** if you do not turn it in on time.

Textbook: Classroom set of texts

Materials and Supplies Needed: Willing participants and a can-do attitude, fee.
Bring your school issued device to class every single day, charged, and also, bring your charger.

Course Outline: Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of theater such as stage directions, characterization, vocalization, breathing techniques, projection, posture, memorization, overcoming insecurities, set design, prop building, costuming, and makeup.