

Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Basic Theatre will provide students with a basic overview of theatre and what theatre has to offer.

Throughout the semester, students will be learning (amongst other things):

- Theatre vocabulary and stage terms
- Careers in the theatre as well as jobs inspired by the theatre.
- Theatre history
- Script reading and script writing
- Pantomime (time permitting)
- Performing short, memorized plays/skits
- Improvisation
- Theatre Etiquette
- Comparing stage plays to film adaptations of the plays and in some cases, television adaptations.
- And, of course, *performing*.

This class relies heavily on student participation. Participation is graded on the amount of volunteering, group involvement and the student's willingness to complete an activity which will directly impact their grade. There are several "activities" throughout the semester. *All students will perform in front of the class, in some form at least once a semester.*

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

This year, in particular, there will be some flexibility in our weekly/daily assignments. Rest assured that you will be adhering to all standards mandated by the state but, in this trying time, we have to adjust, or as we say in the theatre, improvise!

COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES:

You will be quizzed weekly or bi-weekly on new vocabulary, theatre terms and on your "performances"

Please review the following information regarding grading.

Class grades will be based on the following:

40% Participation (Includes group, class and individual)

25% Daily work, Projects and Reports/Homework

15% Quizzes, Tests and Classroom Notebook

10% End of Curriculum Exam

10% Backstage Performance (daily points earned/deducted for classroom behavior and following classroom rules)

100%

Late Work:

EX: A 100-point project

1 day late = -15 points (85)

2 days late = -10 additional points (75)

3 days late = -10 additional points (65)

5 days late = - 10 additional points (55)

No work accepted if more than 5 days late.

Assignments cannot be handed in more than 5 days late.

If the assignment is due before the end of a grading period or end of semester and it is late, it will not be accepted and a grade of “zero” will be recorded.

(Individuals are considered separately, if the work is group-oriented.)

CLASSROOM RULES

CELL PHONES:

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in this classroom without permission

Cell phones are to be in your backpack and out of sight when you enter this particular classroom.

Cellphones NOT in your backpack when entering the classroom, will be placed in “Cell Jail” and may be picked up at 1:50 (final bell).

If given permission to use cellphone for school purposes or free time (and there will be plenty), there will be no texting, snapchatting, air dropping, Tik Toking, etc. If caught doing so, you will receive (in the following order):

1. A) Lunch Detention
2. B) A written referral
3. C) After School Detention

EATING:

There is to be *NO* eating in this classroom.

If you are eating outside the door of this classroom or in the hallway, you are responsible to clean up after yourselves.

CHAIRS and TRASH ON THE FLOOR:

Chairs must be pushed before leaving this classroom as well as picking up your own trash, unless of course, your mother or your maid are with you to do so.

GUM CHEWING:

The school policy is no gum chewing on campus and that remains in effect in this classroom.

HOODIES/HATS:

No hoodies or hats are allowed within the classroom (or in the entire school) unless they are being worn for a school designated event. (ex: school spirit day, "awareness day", etc.)

OTHER INFRACTIONS YOU MAY NEED TO BE REMINDED OF:

- 1) Excessive talking
- 2) Inappropriate language
- 3) "Horse Play"
- 4) Disrespect of fellow students or staff.