

Introduction to Theater Syllabus



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What This Class Is All About

In Drama, we'll build confidence, learn to work as a team, and express ourselves in creative ways. You'll play games, act out scenes, use your voice and body, and even create your own characters!

We'll focus on:

- Trying new things with a positive attitude
 - Performing in front of others (with support!)
 - Working together respectfully
 - Exploring how theater helps us connect to people and ideas
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What We'll Think About

- How do actors make strong choices?
 - How do ideas change during the creative process?
 - Why does collaboration matter in theater?
 - How do I prepare a performance fully?
 - What happens when performers and audiences connect?
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Big Ideas in Drama

- Theater helps us understand different people and cultures.
 - Working on drama together builds community.
 - Drama uses voice, movement, and imagination to tell stories.
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What You'll Do

You will:

- Play theater games
 - Practice acting, speaking, and movement
 - Build characters and scenes
 - Work on group projects and short performances
 - Take creative risks and try new things
 - Reflect on what you learn
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Materials You'll Need

- Pencil or pen
 - Journal and Binder/Folder
 - Positive attitude & willingness to participate
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How You'll Be Graded

Category	Weight
Reflections	15%

Performances 50%

Projects 25%

Daily Warm Ups 10%

Class Rules

- Respect yourself, others, and our space
- Be kind and open-minded
- Be in class before the tardy bell rings
- Take care of classroom materials
- Encourage others and participate
- No Backpacks

If a rule is broken:

- First time: verbal warning
 - Second time: private conversation
 - Third time: lunch detention
 - Further issues: I will call home and alert administration
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Tech Use

Note: Texas House Bill 1481

All cell phones, AirPods, and personal electronic devices must be turned off, placed in your backpack, and stored in your locker.

Violation of this rule will result in the device being taken to the office, where a parent or guardian must pick it up.

✗ Food & Drink

No food is allowed in class. Water bottles are permitted.



Missed Class?

- Let me know if you're going to be absent.
 - You're responsible for catching up on what you missed.
 - Stay in touch!
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Assignments

- Turn in assignments on time.
 - Talk to me *before* the due date if you need more time.
 - Late work = no feedback and returned when I can.
 - You can request a redo or appeal a grade by talking with me.
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Guests & Field Trips

- Be respectful during guest visits and field trips.
- You represent our class and school.
- Forms must be returned by the deadline—no exceptions.

Please review this syllabus with a parent or guardian and return the signed acknowledgment form by **August 15th**. Turning it in on time earns you a **100 in the gradebook**

Guardian Signature

Student Signature