Theatre Minors Syllabus

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WELCOME to Theatre! There are so many exciting things happening this year. I ask that EVERYONE choosing to be a theatre student be 100% invested in all of the adventures we are going to be taking.

**Course Description**

In theatre, students learn essential vocabulary and practices of theatre. We will begin to examine theatre as an art form. In the course of our study, students will get a glimpse into all areas off theatrical production including:

* Acting Performance
* Playwriting
* Warm-ups
* Technical theatre
* Storytelling
* Directing
* Auditioning

Students will be involved in acting experiences individually and in group settings. This course will include reading, writing and researching theatre literature, actors and aspects of technical theatre. Students will be required to read and write, as well as, perform in front of an audience on stage. As a member of this class, students are part of an ensemble.

**Expectations**

1. Show respect for your classmates, director and guests.
2. Be prepared by:
   1. Being on time
   2. Having all materials
   3. No gum, candy, food or drink in class.
   4. Leave problems at the door (come to class ready to participate.)
3. Remain alert and follow directions the first time they are given.
4. Take full responsibility of personal actions at all times.
5. Do not go to the restroom, get water or walk around the room while teacher is talking or during a performance. (see audience etiquette)

**Classroom expectations**

**Bathroom policy-** Please do not ask to go to the restroom in the first 5 minutes of class or in whole group instruction. You are welcome to ask when students are working on individual work or in groups. You must take the red pass with you.

**Turning in work-** Journals- You will receive grades based on completion or mastery depending on the topic. We will check journals everyday.

***Classwork*-** You will turn in your work in the grey bins beside the door when asked.

***Homework*-** We do not typically assign homework. If a student has homework, it is something that was not completed in class or memorization of a scene/ script.

When a teacher is giving group instruction, please remain in your seat until they are finished. During performances, DO NOT get up. That is very disrespectful to the performers.

**Tardy Policy**

* **1st tardy- warning**
* **2nd tardy- call home**
* **3rd tardy- writeup**

**6th grade snack policy**

6th grade students are allowed to bring a snack to theatre because their lunch is so early. Snack time will be during the first 5 minutes of class. This will be during our journal time. Food will not be allowed after that time. If food becomes a distraction, this privilege will be taken away.

**Materials**

* **Pen and/or pencils**
* **Spiral bound notebook**
* **Homework, scripts and any other assignments you are given in class.**

**Grading**

* Daily Participation 25%
* Tests or quizzes 25%
* Performances 25%
* Projects 25%

**Audience Etiquette**

As a performer, it is very important that you and your classmates follow all rules for audience etiquette when seeing a performing arts event (including assemblies) on or off campus.

*Norms of audience etiquette are:*

1. Remain quiet during the performance.
2. Clap when appropriate.
3. Do not enter or exit during a scene (wait until you hear clapping or the “ok” to enter.
4. Turn all cell phones, tablets, etc. off during a performance.
5. No flash photography or videotaping.
6. Face the front during a performance.
7. Be attentive to the performance.
8. Laugh when appropriate and at the appropriate level.

**Play Reading**

Plays will be read as a part of this class. We will use texts you read to support other activities throughout this semester.

**Reminder**

Be respectful of our classroom space. This is our space to create and explore all aspects of theatre. It is our responsibility to keep it in good condition. This shows respect of each other and anyone else who enters it.

**Attendance**

As a member of an ensemble, it is very important that you not miss class. The other people in your class are dependent upon you. If you must miss a day of class, make sure to check canvas for any make-up work.

**Extra Credit**

If you see any theatre outside the classroom, bring in your program and receive 5 points extra credit on your lowest grade.

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Please return this portion back to Mrs. Whitley tomorrow.

I have read and I understand the responsibilities associated with this class. I agree to do the best I can at all times. I will follow directions and turn my work in on time.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the responsibilities of this class.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How should I contact you? TEXT, PHONE, EMAIL (Please indicate all that you would prefer)

Your email will be used to send weekly or bi-weekly newsletters for your knowledge of what is due/ happening in the class and in the theatre dept. Please share an email that you will check regularly.