



HMS THEATER



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WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Theater is a chance for you to improve your self confidence, to grow as a communicator and problem solver, and to become part of a group that feels like family. Whether you want to be in front of the curtains or behind them, you will learn to appreciate the art of creating a play.



THE DRAMA CLASS NORMS

WE WILL:

- Be respectful of people, space, and property
- Be positive, prepared, and ready to work
- Support and encourage one another like a team
- Use our bodies and voices safely and responsibly
- Challenge ourselves, take risks, and think outside the box
- Have fun and learn something new each day

MATERIALS

In class every day I expect you to bring a pencil and a highlighter.

When working on a script, you will need a three ring binder.

Sometimes you will be asked to bring in costume or prop items from home that are specific to your performance.

Rarely I will ask for you to purchase supplies for a project such as stage makeup. ***If you cannot purchase these items, see me and we will make sure you have what you need.

GRADING POLICIES

40% - major grades: tests, performances, play critique*

30% - minor grades: quizzes, in class activities

30% - respectful participation: your grades in this category are given weekly, based on your effort and behavior, and are averaged to make up this portion of your overall grade

***EVERY THEATER STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO SEE AT LEAST ONE PLAY OR MUSICAL PER SEMESTER.** You will be expected to complete a critique of the play using my template, and turn in your ticket stub or program.

The critique and ticket stub or program will serve as our midterm and final exams. There are many free performances you can attend, but please don't wait until the last minute! I will keep you informed of upcoming events in class and on my website.

ABSENCES

It is important to have all the members of a play at all rehearsals. Your scene partners are counting on you!

-If you are absent on the day of a performance, you will perform the day you return.

-If you are absent the day BEFORE a performance, you will still be expected to perform.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

M - AM: open
PM: rehearsals

T- AM: Oral reading UIL
PM: rehearsals

W - AM: Impromptu speaking UIL
PM: Watts duty/faculty mtgs.

Th - AM: Watts duty
PM: rehearsals

F - AM: Fun Friday Improv Club!
PM: open