**Mrs. Duga**

**Theatre Arts**

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**OBJECTIVE**

Theatre Arts courses are designed to teach the foundation or general overview of theatre arts.  With each level, new material and specific information is taught, applied and expanded upon.  Each student will leave the class with a basic understanding and appreciation for all elements of theatre.

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

* Theatre Etiquette/Auditions
* Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
* Theatre Vocabulary
* Improvisation/Pantomime
* Monologue/ Scene Work
* Theatre/ Musical Theatre History
* Production design and technical theatre
* And more

**CLASSROOM GUIDELINES**

***If you choose not to follow these rules, we will follow the discipline procedures that the school provides.***

1. Be ready to learn
2. Always act and speak in an appropriate manner
3. No food, drink, or gum allowed
4. No personal electronics allowed
5. Respect the classroom environment

**\***TALKING OR DISTURBANCES DURING PERFORMANCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED; **POINTS** WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR GRADE FOR *EACH* OCCURANCE! **\***

**Materials for all Theatre Arts Students**

1 Composition Notebook  Pencils
Paper  Highlighters

**Tardies**

When the tardy bell rings, it is expected that you will have read and followed any directions on the board and have started on the Opening Act (bellringer) if there is one.  If you are late, you will be marked as such and after the third tardy, a referral will be entered.

**Restroom Policy/Leaving Class**

Please take care of your personal business on your personal time between classes.  Interruptions in a theatre-based learning environment can really put a damper on things.  Emergencies are another story.  Restroom use will be minimally permitted, but allowed in extreme cases.  You will not be permitted to leave the class the first or last 10 minutes, no exceptions.  You will not be permitted to leave the classroom to see another teacher to get assignments, say “hi”, etc.  Please do this on your own time.

**Technology: Skyward, Schoology, Teacher Website Etc.**

 Information for class including instructions and due dates will be found on the class Schoology page. Some information will also be updated on my teacher website.

**Turning in Work**

*MAKE SURE YOUR****FULL******NAME****AND****CLASS PERIOD****ARE ON ALL WORK, ALWAYS*.  Homework is rare but it may occasionally be required.  Turn everything in on time or it will affect your grade.

**Late Work**

Any work turned in by the end of school on the due date will not be penalized for being late.  Work not turned in on time will be penalized 10 points each day late, not to exceed 3 days.  After the 3rd day, no work will be accepted and a zero (0) will be given. There are NO extra credit opportunities. There are too many daily grades to justify any extra credit.

**Make-up Work**

You will have one day of make-up for every day missed. If you miss a test or quiz, you will be expected to notify me and make it up the day you return. You will make it up during class time. All of our assignments will be on Schoology.

**Tutorials/Extra Help/Parent Conference Time**Tutorials will be held Monday-Wednesday from 7:00am-7:20am. I will be happy to schedule any other tutoring times on an individual basis. My conference period is 3rd period for any parent who would like to have a conference either over the phone, or in person.

**Grades**Participation, improvement, and attitude are vital components to the class and final grade. Students will receive a minimum of 3 major grades and 11 daily grades per each 9-week period.

**Let’s Get Real**You are in a theatre class for an entire year. This is not a “blow-off” class; this is not going to be an easy grade. The grade you receive is the grade you earn. You will spend time acting, speaking, moving awkwardly in front of people, etc. Two important things you need in class are focus and self-discipline. Work ethic is a part of your grade as is the ability to be self-motivated. At times, you will be expected to rehearse on your own and be effective as an individual and in a group.

**A note about dress code:**In addition to following the standard dress code as detailed in the Student Handbook, I would also like to address what is expected in this class. Movement is a very important part of this class.  As such, students should always wear clothes that allow for free and expressive movement or their daily grade may diminish.  Also, students should not wear flip flops or heels to class as they prohibit free movement and do not protect the foot as well as tennis shoes.  Furthermore, if a student's clothing or footwear prohibits the student from fully participating in the day's activities, they will lose participation points for the day.

**Theatre I Classes will be required to see and write a report on ONE live theatrical performance PER SEMESTER. Theatre II-IV will be required to see and write a report on TWO live theatrical performances PER SEMESTER.**