

Syllabus: Theatre Arts I
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Time: 10:56-11:46, 2:29-3:19
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Course Description:

Theatre Arts I is designed to give the student an overall appreciation of theatre as a performing art, as well as an introduction to production skills. It will acquaint the student with basics of acting and improvisation through voice, body and sensory explorations. In addition, the course will include the fundamentals of play production, technical theatre, dramatic literature and theatre history.

Prerequisite:

None

Concepts and Skills:

Discover Theatre History	Explore Improvisation
Develop Characterization	Develop Stage Movement
Explore Ensemble Acting	Develop Voice / Diction
Discover Playwriting	Explore Play Production
Discover Play Analysis	Explore Career Opportunities
Explore Technical Theatre	Develop Stage Terminology

Grading:

Tests (Major Concepts, Projects, Play Attendance 2 *per semester*)75%
Daily Grades (Homework, Class Assignments, Research,
Participation, Group Work, Journals).....25%

Production Attendance:

The student will be required to attend **TWO THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS PER SEMESTER**. The student may attend productions at PSHS or they may elect to attend productions throughout the school district or community, as long as it is theatrical in nature. Please contact the instructor if there are questions. Posters of local productions will be posted in the theatre classroom. A program from the production and a critique must be turned in no later than one week after attendance.
Production Attendance Due Dates: December 21, May 16

Policies:

All students will be in the classroom ready to work when the bell rings.
No food or drink.
The student will show proper audience etiquette.
The student will follow PSHS guidelines.
No cell phones
Dress code will be enforced
I Pods and CD players may be used at the teachers discretion.
PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED

Supplies:

One folder with pockets and brads Pen and Pencil
Loose leaf notebook paper Highlighter

Attendance and Tardies:

This class follows the school procedures for absences and tardies outlined in the student handbook. However, it is important to understand that theatre is a class in which you must be present in order to receive fair and accurate grading. Many assignments are performance based or can only be evaluated in person. Many of these assignments involve group participation and it is expected that each and every student will be responsible and respectful of his/her group members.

Assignments:

All written assignments, must be written at grade level and submitted TYPED, PROOF READ, COMPLETE AND ON TIME, unless otherwise specified in class or on the assignment.

Important Date to Remember:

- Sept. 12-13 PSHS Fall Production Auditions (open auditions)
- Oct. 25-27 PSHS Fall Production
- Oct. 31-Nov.1 PSHS Musical Auditions (open auditions)
- Nov. 17 PISD One Act Play Festival
- Jan. 24-26 PSHS Musical Production
- Jan. 31 UIL One Act Play Auditions (must be enrolled in Theatre class)
- TBA Sr. Directed Productions
- Mar. 25-26 PSHS One Act Play Preview
- May 9 A Plano Home Companion

Contract:

I have read the syllabus and understand the policies, grading procedures and expectations for Theatre Arts I. I am aware that my actions will determine how successful my experience may be in the class. I understand and will adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the Theatre Department and Plano I.S.D. and will be an asset to its program.

A copy of this syllabus will be available at www.pshstheatre.com or <http://k-12.pisd.edu/schools/pshs/>

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____