

**THEATER ARTS
SYLLABUS 2018-19**

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COURSE OVERVIEW:

Theater Arts 1 is an introduction to theater as a collaborative art among actors, directors, producers, and technicians.

COURSE CONTENT: Students will study:

- improvisational techniques and theater games
- parts of the stage/blocking and movement strategies
- characterization concepts/techniques
- performance of short scenes/dialogue and character interaction
- storytelling
- Radio and commercial script/product development

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Positive attitude
- A sense of humor
- Willing to make mistakes
- Adventurous/willing to try new things
- Be a little silly
- Work outside your comfort zone
- Class performances for peers and teacher

COURSE MATERIALS:

- 3-ring binder with loose leaf paper, pens/pencils each day. Handouts given in class should be kept in this notebook as well as class notes and key supplemental readings.
- Occasional small props and/or costumes for scene work.

GRADING:

Student grades will be based on the following scale/criteria:

- 65% ASSESSMENT (both written and performance assessment are included here)
- 15% CLASSWORK (daily warmups, written assignments, research, small group activities)
- 10% HOMEWORK (minimum of three per quarter)
- 10% TEST (this will be the quarterly exam)

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:

It is crucial that you attend and participate fully in each class. Many of our experiences will be group experiences! It is expected that students will come prepared for class and group performance. Students are expected to be fully engaged during class, participate in discussions, provide feedback, and ask questions.