

PHS Children's Theatre Syllabus

Course Description: During this course, students will gain insight into the philosophies, purposes, and processes of developing theatre for youth and young audiences. The course will explore teaching drama to youth, devising and adapting stories, acting styles and techniques, and production design and management. Students will also explore the business aspect of the theater and chorus. The class will culminate in a fully realized production, produced and performed by the students, for a youth audience.

Teacher Contact Information:

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- Office Hours - Mondays and Thursdays - 2:00 - 2:30pm

Course Resources:

Textbook: Bell ringers packet, Notebook or Filler Paper, Scripts,

Materials: Binder, Folder, Pencil

2020-2021 Academic School Year - Semester One

Essential Questions and/or Enduring Understandings:

- What are the needs of elementary and secondary audiences?
- How can drama be used as a learning tool?
- What is the role of a director in ensuring a strong performance?
- What is needed to ensure a successful production?
- What opportunities are available to have a career in theater?
- What steps does one need to take to pursue a career in theater?

Grading Policy:

- Benchmarks 50%
- Projects 30%
- Homework: 10%
- Classwork/Participation 10%

Make-Up Work Policy:

- Missed Assignments should be recorded and emailed NO LATER than two days upon return.
- Performances CANNOT be made up and will result in a FAILING GRADE for the performance.

Academic Dishonesty:

This includes both written and oral presentations. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to:

- Submitting another person's work as your own including:
 - Copying and pasting information from the Internet
 - Copying another student's work
 - Not properly documenting and citing sources
- Giving or receiving information during tests/quizzes or class assignments
- Using unauthorized materials during a test/quiz

*All instances of cheating and plagiarism will receive a failing grade and referral to grade level administrator.