

DRAMA ONE SYLLABUS

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Welcome to Drama, where you will develop skills to be a performer, theatre scholar and critic. You will accomplish this through the following work:

- 1) **IMPROVISATION:** Theatre games make you more comfortable to work in front of others, teach you the skills of being a good actor and what makes a good scene, give you permission to fail and thus learn better, and allow you to exercise your imagination.
- 2) **SCENE WORK:** Most acting is done with scenes written by playwrights. You will advance from short scenes of a half-dozen lines or so to ever longer and more complex scenes, including reading and performing scenes from a full-length play.
- 3) **EVALUATION:** Sometimes we learn the most about theatre by watching others perform it. You will be evaluating the work of others, your own work, and one required review each semester of a full production outside of class. (High school productions count!)

RULES OF AN ARTIST

1. **ATTENDANCE.** Nearly everything you do in drama class you do IN drama class! Unless you are sick, come to class on time every day.
2. **RESPECT.** Be nice to other students, the teacher and guests. Make positive choices onstage, in the audience, and in your interactions with others.
3. **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.** Stay healthy in body and mind. In drama, making a mistake is the *very best way* to learn. Don't beat yourself up about it. Be safe. Don't wander or touch equipment in the theatre. If you ever have a question about what you should do, just ask!
4. **INTEREST.** Participate with a positive attitude in everything. Look over the "14 Ways Being a Drama Kid Can Help You As an Adult," and select some goals for yourself.
5. **STUFF TO BRING.** A notebook, pencils and paper in case you need to write things down. Scripts you are working on. Props and costumes as needed. Stuff you can't bring or consume: chewing gum, food or any sort of beverage except bottled water.
6. **TECHNOLOGY.** In the PAC, no student may use technology of any kind unless given permission for a special assignment. Phones must be shut off and stored during all classes.

GRADING

I grade on a percentage scale, with your assignments each receiving a point value. Grades are influenced by positive participation, following the rules, and communication about what you need to get things done. Please stay actively involved in your grade. Keep track on Schoolloop and talk to me if you have any questions or need additional support for any assignments.