Advanced / Theater Syllabus

Teacher	Contact	Free Periods	*Performance Dates
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2026-2027 Classroom #124

Welcome to Advanced/ Technical Theater!

Welcome to our collective journey through the great world of theater and storytelling! I am so excited to begin the new school year with you all! I am delighted to be here and learn the art of theater with you.

Course Description

Theater is designed to give students a closer look at the art of Theatre. This class is designed to expand foundational acting and production skills. Each semester culminates with a public performance showcasing the skills learned and honed during class time such as, character building, voice work, improvisation, script analysis, and other acting techniques. **Advanced Theatre** is designed to allow seniors to take on leadership roles. These students will work closely with the teacher to see that all parts of the show create a cohesive production. Advanced students will also complete a passion project that helps improve the Theatre Department.

Course Objectives

The student will demonstrate the ability to:

- dramatize ideas and events using linear and non-linear plot lines
- perform ideas and event though movement, speech, and staging for an intended audience
- analyze and evaluate audience/performance relationships
- Analyze and evaluate connections between theater and society

Theater Code of Ethics

A part of the great tradition of theatre is the code of ethics. These are not superstitions or laws, but the attitude expected of all students of the art.

- I shall never miss a performance
- I shall forego all social activities which interfere with rehearsals or performances, and I shall be on time
- I shall never make a curtain late by my failure to be ready on time
- I shall never miss an entrance
- I shall not let the comments of friends, relatives or critics change any phase of my work without proper consultation; I shall not change lines, business, lights, properties, settings or costumes or any phase of the production without consultation with and permission director
- I shall forego the gratification of my ego for the demands of the play
- I shall accept my director's advice and counsel in the spirit in which is is given, for they can see the production as a whole and my work from the front
- I shall never "put on an act" while viewing other artists' work as a member of an audience, nor shall I make caustic criticism from jealousy or for the sake of being smart
- I shall respect the play and the playwright , and I shall not condemn a play while it is in rehearsal
- I SHALL respect the theater space, work space, dressing rooms etc. by keeping it looking clean, orderly and attractive regardless of whether I am specifically assigned such work or not
- I SHALL handle stage props and costumes with care for I know they are part of the tools of my trade and an vital part of the production
- I SHALL follow rules of courtesy common decency applicable in all walks of life, and will follow the rules and regulations of the school
- I shall NEVER lose my enthusiasm for the theatre because of disappointments

ILYGA Policy

It is my hope that, as we get to know each other, you will feel comfortable speaking in class, asking "dumb" questions, and talking to me. While I will expect great things from you in this class, I understand that crazy things happen in life. High school can be hard, I know! Please feel free to talk to me about it anytime! It will not leave my room (unless your own life or safety or the life/safety of a peer are at stake!).

Classroom Expectations/Rules

The expectations in this class are simple. Students are expected to be respectful.

- Students are expected to respect themselves by giving their best effort into their learning. This includes coming promptly and prepared for class, turning all assignments in on time, participating in all activities, and keeping a positive attitude toward their learning.
- Students are expected to respect each other by being kind and doing your best to give others the benefit of the doubt. Rudeness and/or bullying of **ANY** kind will ***NOT*** be tolerated.
- Students are expected to respect the facility by following the student handbook, and remembering that if it is not yours or you don't have permission, don't touch it.
- Students are expected to respect **ALL** staff. This looks like: paying attention in class, not talking when a staff member is talking, following instructions both written and verbal, using respectful language etc.

Be prepared, positive, polite, prompt, and productive! Most of all, be AWESOME! 😊

Rehearsals

Theatre is a performing art that requires time and dedication. These Tech Rehearsals are Essential because they are the only time the two classes have to practice together. Absence and tardy policies will apply to these times as well.
Dress rehearsals and Performances are major assessments. Failure to attend and participate will likely result in failure of this course.
We will have after school rehearsals each semester. Participation in these are assessment grades. Please plan accordingly:

11/12/2026 3:30pm-6:30pm	**4/20/2027 3:30pm-6:30pm**
11/13/2026 3:30pm-6:30pm	**4/21/2027 3:30pm-6:30pm**
11/16/2026 3:30pm-6:30pm	**4/22/2027 3:30pm-6:30pm**

Performance Final

Theatre is a performing art; therefore, the final for this course is a performance. * An unexcused absence from the final performance will result in failure of the class. If an emergency occurs, COMMUNICATE!
Performance Dates: November 17, 2026 6:30pm. And April 23, 2027 7pm

Required Materials

- Creativity
- Writing Utensils
- Chromebook
- (Optional) I would advise getting a planner to keep track of your homework – this will become more and more important as you move forward in your education.

Absent/Late Work Policy

Late work will only be accepted up to one week from the turn in date. There may be a one-letter grade reduction for late work. **It is better to turn in what you have done, than to have a zero in the gradebook.**

Tests/Test Make-Up Policy

Assessments are a huge part of your grade.You can retake assessments according to the SHS retake policy after a meeting with your teacher. Assessments can be retaken for two weeks after the assigned date, barring extenuating circumstances. Students are responsible for setting up time for the reteach and retake. I will not hound you about retaking assessments. Be responsible for your own grade, and find time to come in after or before school for reteaching and retaking the assessment. You may retake assessments until the end of the assigned quarter!

Attendance/Tardy Policy

Late work will only be accepted up to two weeks from the turn in date. There may be a one-letter grade reduction for late work. It is better to turn in what you have done, than to have a zero in the gradebook.
In the event of an extended absence, **it is the responsibility of the student to contact their teachers and complete classwork which has been missed because of any absence.** Extended Leave Guidelines

SHS Class Period Attendance Policy: Students who fail to attend a class without a parent/guardian contact within the first 48 hours of the absence occurring will be coded as a "No Contact," or "NC" within Infinite Campus. Students who accrue 10 "No Contact" absences within a single class period are in jeopardy of losing credit for their class.

Chromebooks:

Chromebooks should be turned off and closed unless I have instructed you to use them. Chromebooks should be brought to school fully charged.

Cell Phones/ Devices

When students enter their assigned classroom, they will be expected to place their phone and/or smart watch along with airpods or headphones in an assigned PED storage location designated by the classroom instructor. At the end of each class period, students will be allowed time to retrieve their phone prior to the passing period. Students who fail to meet this expectation will incur consequences in accordance with the SHS Student Handbook.

Restroom/Drink Policy

The passing period should be used for drinks and restroom breaks. You will not be given permission to use the restroom, get a drink while direct instruction is occurring. Permission will not also be granted in the first 5 minutes of class.

E-Hall Pass

Students will be expected to use E-Hall Pass when leaving the classroom, and are allowed FOUR student initiated e-hall passes throughout an entire school day. Permission will be granted to leave the room at the teacher's discretion.

Intellectual Property Rights

All work should be your own. Plagiarism is CHEATING and will result in a 0 in the gradebook, a contact with parents, and no opportunity to retake the assignment or assessment. When students use materials created by others in e-learning assignments without proper citation, they are guilty of plagiarism which is not only against policy, but also illegal. This includes copying from published works, but also from other students. In addition, using the internet instead of reading or telling other students what is on an assessment is considered ACADEMIC FRAUD. Just **DON'T** do it!

AI: Artificial intelligence is just as the name suggests—Artificial! In this class I expect you to use authentic intelligence—yours. The use of AI for any reason will be considered plagiarism as AI models simply take information from other sources. Therefore, **AI use is prohibited** without the express permission of the teacher.

Grading

In addition to regular course work, students will receive a weekly participation grade based on attendance and participation. This is a pass/ fail grade. ANY unexcused absences will result in a 0 for that week. These daily work points can not be made up.

A = 90%↑ B = 89-80% C = 79-70% D = 69-60% F = 59%↓

Teacher Website

My website can be accessed by going to This link. On this page, you will be able to find information about me, about the classes I teach, the syllabi for the classes, and the Google classroom codes.

Google Classroom Policy

Students will submit assignments electronically via Google Classroom. Students will need to enroll in the Google Classroom that matches the class period on their class schedule by using a code provided in class. If a student is absent on the day of Google Classroom enrollment, then the student can follow this link to gain access:

You must go to Infinite Campus to learn your grade, do not call or email me to find out your grade. If you need to discuss your grade or feedback you received, make an appointment to speak with me. This can be done during office hours or via email.

Email Policy

Excessive emails make unreasonable time demands on both the sender and recipient-- not to mention that it makes me cranky. Please ensure you have a legitimate need before you write. Thanks.

- I will answer emails received on a given day no later than 4:00 on the next school day.
- Please respond to emails from me in a timely manner.

REMEMBER to read your email each day to receive course information in a timely fashion!!!