

Thespian Troupe 8151 Bylaws

Troupe 8151

Mooreville High School, Mooreville, NC 28115

Adopted: _____

Article I: Attendance

Section 1. Meetings should be held once a month during the first full week of the month, as mutually agreed upon by all members and the Troupe Director. Scheduling of meetings will be the responsibility of the Troupe secretary.

Section 1.1. Troupe Officers and the Troupe Director will meet once per month at a mutually agreed-upon time to organize information for troupe members.

Section 2. Irregular attendance indicates a lack of interest; therefore, any member absent from two (2) meetings per school year without a legitimate excuse submitted to the Troupe Director shall be automatically suspended from troupe activities. The Troupe Director has sole authority to reverse the suspension.

Section 3. Absences shall accumulate for only one school year at a time.

Article II: Thespian Points/ Eligibility

Section 1. All induction points must be earned over the course of more than one production at Mooreville High School. In years when there is only one production, this requirement is waived.

Section 2. Thespian points may be awarded for theatre-related work done outside the school's theatre program. To qualify for these points, a copy of the program and an evaluation of the event may be required. The Troupe Director will determine the number of points awarded.

Section 3. Students are expected to earn Thespian points from multiple areas of production (performance, stage management, directing, set construction, costumes, etc)

Section 4. The high school thespian point system as outlined in the EdTA Thespian Troupe handbook will be used as a guide for eligibility. The Troupe Director may use their discretion in awarding points according to the student's quality of work and cooperation. Quality may include the caliber of the work done and the educational value

of the experience. The Troupe Director makes the final decision regarding the awarding of Thespian points.

Summary:

- One point represents approximately ten hours of excellent work.
- To become a Thespian, a student must earn ten points, the equivalent of one hundred hours of work.
- Seven of those points must be acquired at Mooresville High School. An exception is made for Transfer students.
- Induction points must be earned through participation in at least two full-length productions, or one full-length and two one-acts.
- Induction points should be earned in at least two of the listed categories in section 3, for example, acting and production.

Section 5. A GPA of 3.0 is required to be admitted into troupe 8151. Students shall not be eligible if they are failing a course at the time invitations to Troupe 8151 are issued. An exception will be made for Seniors who have demonstrated good quality Theatre work.

Section 6. The school or Troupe Director may adopt additional requirements for induction into ITS following the EdTA Thespian Troupe Handbook. Attendance, academic performance, behavioral expectations, and community service projects are examples of criteria that may be considered when determining induction eligibility. Criteria may not include recommendations or approval by other students. Thespian membership is offered to all students who qualify. No student can be denied membership if he or she has fulfilled all membership requirements.

Article III: Induction

Section 1. An induction ceremony shall be held in the spring of each school year. Additional ceremonies may be held as deemed necessary by the Troupe Director.

Section 2. Each inductee must provide his or her current mailing address and email address.

Section 3. Fees. Individual inductees are responsible for their own induction fees unless payment has been pre-arranged through fundraising or another source.

Section 4. Troupe officers and the Troupe Director determine the time, place, schedule, and format of induction ceremonies.

Section 5. The Troupe Director and officers conduct inductions. Officers will be responsible for preparing the stage and induction properties as directed by the Troupe Director.

Section 6. The principal, superintendent, or similar officials will be offered a role in the ceremony whenever possible. Officers may be assigned to assist with hosting speakers or other officials.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. Duties: Troupe officer duties are defined below.

A. President – The President shall be responsible for the following:

- **Presiding over all meetings of Theater Troupe 8151 with the Troupe Director.**
- **Serve as President of the school Drama Club**
- **With the Vice President, organize and write the agenda for all club meetings (Troupe 8151 and Drama club)**
- **Overseeing all projects, activities, and events of Troupe 8151 with the Troupe Director.**
- **Serving on the Induction Planning Committee**

B. Vice President – The Vice President shall be responsible for the following:

- **Attending all meetings of Theater Troupe 8151**
- **Serve as Vice President of the school Drama Club**
- **With the Troupe President, organize and write the agenda for all meetings**
- **Fulfill the responsibilities of the President should the President be unable to attend meetings or other necessary activities**
- **With the Secretary, maintain accurate records of meetings, events, activities, etc.**
- **Serving on the Induction Planning Committee**

C. Secretary – The Secretary shall be responsible for the following:

- **Attending all meetings of Troupe 8151**
- **Fulfilling the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President and Vice President**
- **Taking minutes at all meetings.**
- **Providing copies of minutes to the other officers and the Troupe Director after each meeting.**
- **Maintaining accurate records of meeting attendance**
- **Maintains a record of Theatre students for future inductions into Troupe 8151 with the Troupe Director.**
- **Serving on the Induction Planning Committee**

D. Publicist – The Publicist shall be responsible for the following:

- **Attending all meetings of Troupe 8151**

- **Responsible for all publicity for any Troupe events, activities, or meetings including the following:**
 - **School announcements, Blue Devil Update, Yearbook, Flyers, Posters, Signs, and Banners.**
 - **Maintain Social Media with the approval of the Troup Director or Troupe President.**
- **Serving on the Induction Planning Committee**

Section 2. Students interested in being an officer of Troupe 8151 should indicate their preference to the Troupe Director. Students may also be nominated by current members, however, the nominee may choose to reject their nomination. Their names will be presented to the membership for discussion and eventual election. If necessary, officers will be elected by a secret majority vote. The Troupe Director may cast the deciding vote if a tie occurs.

Section 3. Elections will be conducted at the first official troupe meeting at the beginning of the school year or the final meeting of the previous school year.

Section 4. Officers are elected for a term of one year and can serve two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 5. Elected officers may delegate duties to troupe member(s) as agreed upon by the Troupe Director and the designated troupe member(s).

Section 6. Other officers may be added at the troupe's discretion. All officer positions must be listed in the troupe's constitution.

Article V: Troupe Activities

Section 1. All Troupe activities must be approved by the Troupe Director.

Section 2. The Cothurnus Drama Club:

The officers of ITS Troupe 8151 shall serve as the officers of the Cothurnus Drama Club. The Cothurnus Drama Club is open to any student, however, membership in the club will be closed after the 1st Quarter of the school year. Thespian Troupe 8151 members are considered members of the Cothurnus Drama Club. No sanctioned drama club shall exist without the full support of Troupe 8151.

Section 2. 1. Every Cothurnus Drama Club meeting shall include an open invitation to all members for the purpose of playing theatre games and creating improvisation.

Section 2. 2. Only members of the Drama Club may participate in club meetings or club activities after the 1st Quarter of the school year.

Section 3. Troupe 8151 shall sponsor or participate in at least one community service project each school year to establish good relationships with community organizations. Troupe members will be expected to participate in at least one of the group's community service projects or find another way to perform community service to substitute for a planned activity

Section 4. The Troupe shall cooperate with all other departments and clubs in the school in helping them with their programs in any way it can.

Article VI: Conflict Resolution

Section 1. In the event issues or conflicts arise between a Thespian and the Troupe Director that cannot be solved through communication between the two parties, the issue should be resolved by the school administration as indicated in the troupe handbook.

These bylaws have been reviewed, approved, and adopted on (date): _____ by the following

Troupe Director:

Troupe Officers:

Troupe Members:

A signed copy of these Bylaws is to be maintained by the Troupe Director