

WELCOME TO
ACTING I
MR. FRANKE
SPRING 2022
E103



Acting I is the basic course in performance here at Hazelwood East. During the year you will study and perform many different aspects of "acting". You will learn the basic requirements of what it takes to be an actor. Being successful in acting means participating with your best effort and keeping a positive attitude. Everyone can learn to act!!!

AREAS OF STUDY:
Basic Information – You will learn basic vocabulary and the parts of the stage and acting positions.
Mime and Stage Movement – You will learn basic mime illusions and theatrical basics as sitting, standing and walking on stage.
Voice & Diction– You will develop your vocal quality by the use of exercises in volume, rate, enunciation, pitch and memorization.
Improvisation – You will practice improvisation in all units. You will be constantly performing mime sketches or improvisations to illustrate the techniques discussed in class.
Characterization – You will learn to think about the character you are performing in terms of how you can analyze and develop the performance of that character.
Monologue/Duet scenes – You will select performance pieces, memorize them, block them and with help from the instructor, analyze the characters to add characterization and finally perform the piece in a classroom setting or on stage.

GRADING PROCEDURES:
The grading scale used by the Hazelwood School District is as follows:
A= 90-100
B= 80-89
C= 70-79
D= 60-69
F= 59 and below

The grading system of Acting 1 follows the Hazelwood School District guidelines of **30%** for classroom learning activities, **70%** for performance evaluation. Grades will be updated at least weekly and can be checked on the student portal of SIS.

Classroom Learning Activities, Quizzes & Worksheets will count as **30%** of each student's overall grade (Learning Activities).

1. How Homework / Class work is graded:
   Mr. Franke will check class work/homework assignments regularly to make sure each student is comprehending as well as completing each assignment.
2. Students who miss class are responsible for their missed work.
   Check the student portal for any zeros that you may have and check Google Classroom for any assignments that you may have missed. Just because you missed a virtual classroom session does not mean you are exempt from the work. Please communicate with Mr. Franke for circumstances that are out of your control. The number 1 outcome for this class is your success. Mr. Franke is here to help in whatever way you need help!

Major Class Projects and Tests will count as **70%** of each student's grade (performance evaluation) and is broken down into several categories.

1. Part of your overall grade in this class will be for participation.
   EFFORT is the most important part of participation.
2. Part of your grade will be from class performances. Usually the final part of a project is a performance of some sort. Your grade from these performances will determine this portion of the grade.
3. Major Class Projects will be assigned periodically throughout the semester. Mr. Franke will give you all of the details to make sure that you know how to complete the project successfully.
4. Tests will be given periodically to check student mastery of knowledge. Tests will include true/false,

matching, multiple choice, short answer, fill-in-the-blank, and essay questions. All tests are comprehensive, including the final exam. Questions on the tests will be pulled from worksheets, handouts and notes that are taken during class periods. It would be a wise idea to keep a notebook for this class and keep all worksheets, handouts and notes in the notebook

MATERIALS NEEDED EACH DAY:

To help you succeed in this class, you will need the following materials for class: your chromebook (everyday obviously), a pencil, paper, and your brain. Google Classroom is going to be our go to place throughout the semester.

EXTRA CREDIT:

Extra credit will be accepted only if all assignments are turned in and will raise your grade only one letter. Any extra credit should be approved before you begin. Points can be added to either your performance or learning activity grade.

Examples of extra credit include:

Reports – A one page report on a playwright, style of acting, performer or director. (Up to 50 points)

Plays – You are encouraged to watch or read as many plays as possible. For this semester, it will have to be done either by reading a script or watching a recorded version of a play. If you choose this option, please communicate with Mr. Franke first so that the best resource will be available for you to watch and you will have the appropriate form to complete.

Kleenex – 5 points per box the first 2 weeks of the semester. Limit of 5 boxes.

HALL PASSES:

You have 1 hall pass per 2 weeks in class. The use of the Hall Pass is for emergency purposes only. Only one student may be out of the classroom at a time. Make sure that you use the restroom and go to your locker before you get to this class. You have five minutes before and after this class to take care of your business. Use your time wisely. If you are issued a pass, you will have no more than 5 minutes to make it back to class. Abuse of this privilege will cause you to lose the rest of the passes for the remainder of the semester. Hall passes cannot be issued for the first 30 or the last 30 minutes of class, so please do not ask. If you are in 3rd or 7th hour, no hall passes will be issued.

CLASSROOM CLEANLINESS:

If we use the text books during a class period, you are responsible for making sure that the books make it back to the bookshelf before the end of the hour. Your class activity points can be taken away if you fail to make sure the books are on the bookshelf at the end of the hour.

The chairs in the classroom are for your comfort during class. Please make sure that all four legs are touching the floor for your safety. Also, at the end of each hour please make sure the chairs get pushed into the desk to keep the classroom free of obstacles. To keep classroom order, you will not be allowed to wait at the door for the bell to ring during the last few moments of class. You will need to be in your seat when the bell rings in order to leave the classroom.

TARDIES:

We will use the school wide expectations when it comes to tardies. Make sure you get to time so that you do not have to be issued consequences for tardies.

1st Tardy:	Warning by Teacher
2nd Tardy:	Written warning to student & parent contact by Teacher
3rd Tardy:	After-School two (2) hour detention assigned by teacher & parent contact
4th Tardy:	After-School two (2) hour detention assigned by teacher & parent contact

Any tardies beyond the 4th tardy will be sent to the office and your grade level principal will assign the consequences. Be mindful of hall sweeps.

ID POLICY

As outlined in the High School Student Behavior Guide, an ID is required at all times while in the building. Failure to follow the ID policy will result in disciplinary action outlined in the student behavior guide for the Hazelwood School District.

SEATING:

On our first day of class, we will establish a seating chart. You MUST sit in the same seat every day for contact tracing purposes. This may be changed by Mr. Franke throughout the semester as he sees fit.

FOOD/BEVERAGE:

Food, drink, candy and gum are not allowed in this classroom OR in the fine arts hallway. Since it is against COVID protocols, it will not be something that can happen in our classroom. There is also potential for a mess in the classroom and with computer equipment in the room; this rule will be strictly enforced. If I see any food or beverage in the classroom the following procedure will be used:

1st Offense: Verbal Warning
2nd Offense: 2 hours After School Detention

CLASSROOM TELEPHONE:

Please do not use the classroom telephone. It will be another surface that has to be cleaned after use.

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Please keep all cell phones and electronics put away during class time. You will have your chromebook, so there should be no need for other technology during class time. If I see any electronic devices in the classroom the following procedure will be used:

1st Offense: Verbal Warning
2nd Offense: 2 hours After School Detention

VOICE MAIL AND COMMUNICATION:

The two easiest ways to communicate with me is by voice mail and or e-mail. If for any reason you need to get a message to me or would like me to contact you, please feel free to contact (314) 953-7372 or e-mail kfranke@hazelwoodschools.org . I check my voicemail and email daily, so I should get back to you soon.

Contact Summary:
Classroom Phone/School Voicemail: (314) 953-7372
Texting/Voicemail: (314) 764-5465
Email Address: kfranke@hazelwoodschools.org
Teacher Website: https://www.hazelwoodschools.org/kfranke

COVID Mitigation Strategies

In our class, we will do our best to keep the chances of spreading COVID to a minimum. We will use the following procedures as a foundation for our classroom:

1) A face mask is REQUIRED at all times during class. It must cover your mouth and nose. This is a non-negotiable. I want us all to be in the classroom and learning as much as possible throughout the semester.
2) Use hand sanitizer! There is a dispenser by the door. Please use it as you enter the classroom.
3) We will sanitize the desks at the beginning and end of each class. We have a spray bottle and paper towels to make that process happen.
4) Use portable hand sanitizer available to you on the station at the front of the room.

Yes, this is all an inconvenience, but the benefits of being in person learning greatly outweigh the consequences of learning remotely. We will do our best in our classroom to keep ourselves and others healthy.