

# MHS Technical Theater (1, 2, 3, 4)

## Course Information

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### Rules and Expectations

This is an advanced class. All theatre arts students are always on audition. I expect students in all advanced theatre arts classes to know how to behave in school, not just in my class but in all your classes. If you cannot behave you will be removed from the class. Just to clarify, here are my rules:

1. Be Polite- say please and thank you, don't talk when others are talking, clean up after yourself, etc.
2. Be Prompt- Be on time to everything. Class, rehearsal, invitationals, etc.
3. Be Prepared- Have your supplies, know your lines, be prepared for assignments, etc.
4. Participate- Try everything, even if you feel silly. Just try!
5. Follow all safety rules and regulations.

### Consequences-

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense- Verbal warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- Student/ teacher conference after class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense- Phone call home (and I do call home)
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense- 30 minute before or after school detention (If you do not attend this detention it is an instant office referral.)
- 5<sup>th</sup> offense- Office Referral

Repeated discipline problems will result in your being removed from the class.

Dress Code- Theatre Arts students are expected to follow all school rules and carry themselves with pride. All students must enter the class in FULL school dress code. This includes correct shirt, pants and shoes. For **working in the shop** you will need **CLOSED TOE SHOES** and coveralls or paint clothes. You will receive a 0 in participation for any day you are not dressed to work **in the shop**.

Tardies- You are tardy if you are not **IN THE WHITE BOX** when the bell rings. Excessive tardies will result in an after school detention and a phone call home. Tardiness will not be tolerated.

Electronic Device Policy- Technology has a very great place in theater and we will be utilizing it throughout the school year but not every day. Here are the rules

- All electronic devices **MUST be silenced at all times**. Should your phone or device make any noise, including vibrating, your device will be confiscated. You will be told when sound is allowed for a class project.
- All electronic devices **MUST remain unseen** in bags, pockets, etc unless I give permission for you to take it out and use it.
- When we use electronic devices in class you are **REQUIRED to log into the AISD wireless network (AISDVIP)** for all work. No 3G, 4G, or hotspots are allowed.
- When we use electronic devices in class you are **to stay on task with no personal business**.
- You are **not allowed to take pictures or record audio or video** unless you have express permission from the teacher and the students involved. Unauthorized recording (audio, video or photo) of copyrighted material is **ILLEGAL**. Any student who violates this rule will be given an immediate office referral.
- If you are using a student computer in the Blackbox you are **not to play games or install programs**.
- **No electronic devices will be allowed when a substitute teacher is present**. The substitute will be give direct instructions to confiscate any electronic devices they see without warning or hesitation.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS GIVEN IN REGARDS TO THIS POLICY. Repeated violations of this policy (2 or more) will mean a referral to your AP and possibly your removal from this class.**

Subs- I am gone several times throughout the year for different things. Most of the time it is for UIL events, field trips, and other school related activities but I get sick just like everyone else. When I have a sub I expect you to treat them with respect, sit in your assigned seat, follow instructions and do the assignment. Classes who do not behave for subs usually end of writing multiple page essays and lose activity and game time. Classes who follow instructions and do what they are supposed to will be rewarded!

#### Late Work and Make Up Work

If you are absent a day from class you will need to check with Mrs. Short at the end of class. You will be responsible for getting and completing the work you miss.

Late work will be accepted up until 2 days after it was due. The first day it is late 30 points will be deducted. The second day, 20 more points will be deducted. After that the work will receive a 0.

Tutorial Times- All times are by appointment. Please let Ms. Short know when you plan to come in for tutorials.

#### Grading

Participation: 30%

Daily Work: 20 %

Tests/ Projects: 50%

#### Blackbox and Auditorium Rules

1. Do not touch anything that doesn't belong to you.
2. Do not go behind or touch the curtains.
3. Do not go behind any set pieces or walls.
4. Do not sit on the set or any furniture on stage.
5. NO GUM
6. No hoodies or jackets.
7. No backpacks or bags.
8. No jumping off or climbing up the front of the stage in the Auditorium.
9. No horseplay.
10. Do not leave the Blackbox or Auditorium without permission.