

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Acting class should be a safe and supportive environment encouraging cooperation, team work, and responsibility. It helps students develop critical thinking skills, conceptualization, and self-confidence. It provides an opportunity to learn how to work together and communicate with others. Theatre allows students to be creative, and learn the importance of commitment.

Expectations

I have high expectations for each and every student. I expect everyone to work together as a TEAM, have a great ATTITUDE, and RESPECT one another.

Students need to maintain good attendance, report to class on time, and be prepared with a pencil and notebook paper.

Class participation and attendance is MANDATORY!!!

Most importantly, I hope everyone feels they have the freedom to take risks, the ability to explore all of their creative options, and the determination to DEFINITELY HAVE FUN!!!

Grading

All class work will equal 80% of the semester grade, combined with the final exam which will equal 20% of the final semester grade.

Class work will be calculated as follows:

1) **Attendance** (10 points daily)

-10 points will be given at the beginning of class for those students who are prepared:

- 1) You need to have a PENCIL, paper, your theatre notebook (folder), your script/scene/monologue and/or your journal. Some of you may decide to keep your journal as a section within your theatre notebook.

-Points will be deducted for absences, excused or unexcused, and tardies.

-If you have an excused absence, it is your responsibility to find out what material you missed, and have the work completed within 2 class periods.

2) **Participation** (10 points daily)

This is a participation based course. Students have the opportunity to earn 10 participation points daily. If a student chooses to not actively participate in the activities of the day, they will not earn the 10 points for that day. A deduction of 10 points will occur until make-up pages have been turned in. A deduction of 5 points will occur for the following: being tardy, chewing gum, being disruptive, not being prepared for class misuse of materials, and being off task.

- Students are expected to work on the monologue and/or scene assigned. We will be exploring many styles and genres, and you will have the opportunity to work with different partners throughout the year. When working on a scene, your preparation and attitude directly affect your scene partner and their performance.

- Students will need to come to class with all materials listed above in order to participate.

Make-up pages for excused absences may be completed in order to receive points. You may write a review on any topic relating to theatre/acting (.e. shows, movies,). All pages should be hand written and are due the following week, no later than Friday. You will owe one page for every excused absence.

Class work will have varying point value based on the assignment. Late work will be accepted up to two days after the due date. One day after the due date will result in a loss of 25%; two days will result in a loss of 50 %. Any work submitted after that time will not be accepted.

3) **Scene Work**

-Students will be expected to read and memorize their scene.

-Students will be expected to work on play or scene analysis, as well as character development. All scenes/monologues will be performed for the class for a grade.

4) Research

-Occasionally, students will be asked to research a specific play or scene, and share the information with the class.

5) Tests/Quizzes

-Students may be given a written quiz/test based off of class notes or theatre terminology. Most tests will be in the form of presenting a scene or monologue.

Fairview High School grading scale:

90-100	= A
80-89	= B
70-79	= C
60-69	= D
59 & below	= F

Thank you for your interest in the theatre department.

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