

Doral Academy Preparatory
Middle School Theater I Syllabus 2017 – 2018
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Welcome to the Doral Academy Preparatory Theater Program. I would like to take this time to explain how this class will function for the 2018/2019 school year. This packet contains information regarding the important aspects of our classroom and program. Please read this syllabus carefully, and keep the information you need. Attached is the classroom contract, please sign and return a copy to the teacher.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The focus of this course is to introduce and develop fundamental knowledge and skills in Theater Arts. Students will explore on how to build self-confidence, learn basic acting skills, improvisational work, characterization, role preparation, and stage movement.

GRADING CRITERIA

BREAKDOWN

- Projects/Performance – 35%
- Tests – 25%
- Journal/Quizzes – 15%
- Participation – 15%
- Assignments – 10 %

SCALE

- 4 = **A**
- 3 = **B**
- 2 = **C**
- 1 = **D**
- 0 = **F**

COURSE MATERIALS

- Composition Book
- 1" Three Ring Binder with Inside Pockets
- Dividers (3 Tabs: Scripts, Images, Notes)
- Yellow Highlights
- Paper
- Pencil/Pen (only black or blue ink)

CLASS FEE:

To cover the costs of consumables and various other items necessary for the class, there is a fee of \$10. This can be paid through the school website. Class fees will be available for payment after the third week of school.

CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS

This class is designed to be a creative space for students. Students must be on time and prepared with materials needed. At the end of each class session they are expected to clean up your work space.

Students will also be required to have a theater journal. This journal should be in the form of a composition book. Various entries will be made throughout the year, some weekly, some bi-weekly, so it is imperative that every student have their journals for every class.

Theater Etiquette will be practiced in class. Students will remain quiet, respectful, and seated during in-class performance and during teacher instruction. Students are expected to respect themselves, each other, their teacher, and creative environment.

CLASSROOM POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

- Students will be in class on time.
 - Students must have a pass if reporting late.
 - Failure to do so will result in an unexcused tardy.
 - The student will receive an effort grade cut due to three or more unexcused tardies.
 - If tardiness become an issue further disciplinary action could be taken.
- Students will NOT CHEW GUM, eat, or drink in class.
 - Conduct grade cuts will be enforced if this rule is not followed.
- The student, not teacher, is responsible to get all the work for missed assignments due to absences.
 - Students must bring a note to excuse their absence to the main office as ONLY students with EXCUSED ABSENCES will have the opportunity to submit missed assignments in a timely fashion.
 - Please be aware that due to the nature of this course the bulk of the work will be performance based and focus on partner and group activities, so please keep your absences in mind.
 - Being absent from class can directly affect the ability of you and your fellow classmates to perform and/or rehearse, so certain assignments, performances, and/or class projects will not be able to be made up and alternate assignments may be issued.
- Students will be respectful to one another, the teacher, and the classroom.
 - Vulgar or profane language will not be tolerated in this class
 - No student is to every ridicule, belittle, or degrade and student in this class.
 - Only positive reinforcement and constructive criticism that helps a dancer will be tolerated in this dance program.
 - Any student who fails to adhere to will be subject to serious disciplinary action.
- The following steps will be taken upon any disciplinary infraction:
 - In class verbal warning
 - Student/Teacher conference
 - Email and/or phone call to Parent/Guardian
 - Parent/Guardian conference meeting
 - Referral to administration
 - *When necessary the teacher reserves the right to skip consequences depending on the severity of the infraction.*
- The usage of cellphone devices will be prohibited in class, unless approved by the teacher.
 - All cell phones will be turned into the “cell phone bin” upon arriving to class.
 - Failure to adhere will result in loss of cell phone and turned into the office. The office will hold cellphones for 24 hours before allowing a parent or guardian to collect it.
- Announcements will be placed in the classroom bulletin board, calendar in the classes, and on the school website.
 - Announcements/newsletters may be sent home from time to time.

THEATER CLASSROOM CONTRACT

Please sign both copies.

One is for your records the other is for my own.

It is the student's responsibility to keep the syllabus all year.

If need be this syllabus and all classroom information will be found on the school website.

MS. FLOREZ'S COPY

I have read all the requirements.

I understand all class requirements as stated in the class syllabus.

I accept responsibility for earning the highest grade I am capable of earning.

I understand that I must have all supplies ready for each class meeting.

I agree to abide by all class room expectations.

PRINT STUDENT'S NAME: _____

Student Signature: _____

PRINT PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number(s): _____

Class Period _____

Date _____

Please list any medications/allergies or medical concerns that the teacher should be aware of: _____

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