



WHS— Theatre Arts-Practicum III / IV (Advanced Theatre) Policies & Expectations

Welcome! This class offers the dedicated theatre student advanced work in actor training and script analysis with the goal of preparing the student for theatrical experiences outside the secondary school environment, whether this should be involvement in college theatre, community theatre, and/or professional theatre. Students will be introduced to contemporary acting process theories and be given opportunities for their application. Particular emphasis is given to play writing opportunities and experimental theatre projects as well as career exploration and college audition preparation. Self-discipline, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to group efforts, individual growth as part of a theatre team as an actor or production member are critical for your success in this class.

Classroom Rules:

1. Follow all directions (written or oral) **the first time** they are given.
2. Be ready to work as the tardy bell finishes.
3. Be prepared for class with all supplies and assignments.
4. Display respect for yourself, others, and the work space.
5. Practice appropriate theatre and audience etiquette.

In addition to these rules, students are expected to follow all school and district policies, and to exercise reasonable judgment and common sense.

Consequences:

- 1st offense Warning
 - 2nd offense Private conference
 - 3rd offense Parent contact
 - 4th offense Referral
 - Severe offense Immediate referral
- Offenses will also cause a reduction in the student's citizenship grade.*

Homework/Performance Policy:

1. Make-up Work:

Each student is responsible for all work missed during an absence. Please do not return to class expecting the teacher to cover the prior day's material for you as class begins. Because this is a participation/lecture-based class, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate **prior to your return** to acquaint yourself with what you have missed. The general rule is that a student has as many days to make up work as per number of days absent.

2. Late work

Late work will not be accepted. Late is defined as anything that arrives in my hands after I've announced that all papers must be in.

3. Special Assignments

Performances are due for all students on the first day scheduled. Late performances are not accepted.

If you are absent on the day prior to a performance, you will still be expected to perform on the assigned due date. Tests and long range projects are due for all students on the date scheduled, even those who are absent on the day prior to the due date. Please do not procrastinate on long range assignments; plan ahead.

4. Script subject matter:

Students are expected to use reasonable discretion in editing scripts for rehearsal and performance in a classroom setting. Please use good judgment and these guidelines:

- a. Delete all profanity from your rehearsal script with marker or white-out.
- b. Do not use profanity or "suggestive" business in rehearsal or performance.
- c. Seek teacher approval for any questionable language or business before it is used.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in a referral.

5. Grading:

Theatre Arts III / IV will operate on a contract type grading system each semester. Students will complete activities on an independent study basis in order to compile total' points up to 2000. The student's semester average will be this total or the average of the total points received out of total points possible. A contract per will be provided for each semester' specific projects, but most will follow the below format:

1. Participation/Attendance / Work Ethic/ Use of Professionalism	100 points
2. Acting Journal / Notes	100 points
3. Performance	400 points
4. Working Script with Analysis	100 points
5. Play Attendance/Critique	100 points
6. Play Reading/Summary/ Writing	100 points
7. Mandatory Tech Rehearsals	200 points
8. Mandatory Dress Rehearsal	200 points
9. Shows / Production Attendance (All)	200 points
10. Theatre Service Credit Hours (10 Hours X 50 points per hour)	500 points
	Total points possible
	For each listed Category

Important Note: Certain guidelines must be followed in order to receive full points for these assignments. Be sure to refer to the specific instructions on your semester contract sheet when completing projects.

Google Classroom : Be sure to check Google Classroom for Announcements / Assignments or Informational Material that you need or when you are absent.

Remind: Sign Up for Remind

Read Class Guidelines and Expectations;
Sign and Return this portion of the Class Guidelines and Procedures
as your agreement and acknowledgement of class Expectations and
Policies by Sep. 15, 2017.

Students Name: _____
(Please Print)

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Parent's Signature: _____

Email: _____



WHS Theatre Arts
Donation Commitment Form
2017-2018

Since its inception, the Conejo Valley Unified School District and Westlake High School have strived to offer the most comprehensive array of enrichment programs, athletics and extracurricular activities, particularly those deemed the most valuable by our community. The WHS Theatre Arts Program is pleased to offer a comprehensive and enriching educational experience to every participating student. State law requires us to provide a public education free of charge. Subject to certain exceptions, the right to a free public education means we cannot require students or their families to purchase materials, supplies, equipment or uniforms for any school activity, to pay security deposits for access, participation, materials, or equipment, or to make donations to a class, activity or program.

However, the WHS Theatre Arts Program incurs expenses which are not covered by CVUSD. To pay for these important components of our program, we rely heavily on donations from parents and others, as well as various fundraising events. These donations directly benefit our students and make possible all of our planned activities and experiences — without this financial and logistical support from participating families we simply cannot maintain the quality program we want to continue to provide for our students. If we are unable to meet our fundraising goals, through both donations and fundraising events, it will be necessary to forego some of those activities and experiences.

Based on our planned activities and the projected costs of those activities, we are asking for a **voluntary donation from each family of \$150**. This requested donation is calculated by looking at the budgeted costs of the Program after subtracting out our receipts from the box office. Needless to say, we happily accept donations in the excess of the requested amount!

Please make any checks payable to the WHS Drama Department and put into a sealed envelope. Your student can bring the check directly to the Student Store or place it in the large manila envelope in Mrs. Burke's classroom. Your generous contribution will help to support this program. Thank you.

