



## WELCOME TO THEATRE ARTS I-IV

### COURSE SYLLABUS

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

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This class is designed to give you an overview of theatre. It uses individual and group assignments to introduce the foundations of theatre, as well as many hands-on opportunities in theatre. You'll learn the basics of acting, theatre vocabulary, theatre history stage areas, technical theatre concepts, and more!

### ORGANIZATION

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This is a hands-on, physically interactive class that integrates lecture, homework, quizzes, tests, performances and major group projects. Student participation is a MAJOR part of this class. You are expected to devote some time to this class OUTSIDE of school hours.

**Each CHS Theatre student is required to attend one night of each of the Champion Theatre Main Stage productions and devote at least one performance night to box office/house management work, unless the student is cast in the show, itself.**

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

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The overall objective of this course is to introduce students to theatre and its components. By the end of the year students will be able to:

- recognize theatre as an art form
- identify, define, understand and properly use theatre terminology
- communicate through artistic design and design execution
- analyze a piece of literature from a performing arts viewpoint
- collaborate with others in problem-solving situations
- critique theatre and fine arts constructively; both verbally and in writing
- appreciate and develop a lifelong passion for the arts
- explore college and career options in theatre

### COURSE TOPICS

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This year we will cover a wide variety of topics, including:

- Theatre History
- Theatre Appreciation
- Theatre Architecture
- Basic Acting
- Basic Improv
- Musical Theatre
- Technical Theatre

## DISCIPLINE

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The most important things you'll need to be successful in this class are a POSITIVE ATTITUDE, a CREATIVE IMAGINATION, and SELF-DISCIPLINE. Before we begin, we must set some ground rules.

- Follow the guidelines found in the CHS Student Handbook and Theatre Handbook
- Be punctual and prepared!
- Participate in all activities as directed.
- Respect yourself and everyone else in the room.
- NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE AUDITORIUM, ON STAGE OR IN THE BLACKBOX. BOTTLED WATER ONLY!

If you choose not to follow the rules, we will follow the discipline procedures outlined in your student handbook. If problems still persist you will be removed from the class.

## SUPPLIES & FEES

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You will need to have the following items EVERY DAY in this class.

- APPROPRIATE CLOTHING
- 1 Highlighter
- 2 Pencils w/eraser
- 2 Pens - Black or Blue ink
- 1 three-ring 1" notebook to hold scripts and handouts
- 1 Composition Notebook or Spiral Notebook to keep as a class journal

There is also a \$20 theatrical supply fee associated with this class that is used to buy consumable supplies specific for this class (makeup, props, scenery, paints, etc.) and to pay for any specialty costume cleaning. Some of the items students use in this class that must be replaced and purchased are makeup, props for shows, art supplies for design projects, play scripts, tissues, markers, scissors, tools, costumes, costume cleaning, wigs, paper towels, glue sticks, baby wipes, makeup sponges, fabric and, in some cases, royalties for performances of class plays. Donations of any of these items are also always greatly appreciated.

**Supply fees due: Friday, Aug 27, 2021 and payable at:**

<https://boerneisd.revtrak.net/champion-high-school/chs-theatre/#/list>

**2021-22 Champion Theatre Tee Shirts are on sale now!** This shirt is required for Production Class Students, and worn on Fridays for Spirit Days, to performances, rehearsals, field trips, etc. Shirts are available for purchase for \$20 through the Revtrak Link above.

## ATTIRE

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There is a lot of movement involved in this class. Restrictive clothing is inappropriate on stage. Students must dress appropriately for class and according to school dress code. Students may bring shorts/work-out/rehearsal gear to wear onstage. Dance shoes, jazz shoes, character shoes, flats, tennis shoes, are all acceptable types of footwear. Sandals or open-toed shoes are not. You may keep a spare pair of clothes/shoes in the theatre changing room. Students will not be excused from activities because they chose not to dress appropriately. Students who do NOT dress appropriately for movement on stage will

be considered as “coming to class unprepared,” and receive a “0” for a weekly participation grade that day.

## **GRADING POLICY**

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Grading for Theatre I is structured so that students who participate fully in classroom activities and complete all assignments should receive a grade of A or B. Students will earn grades for class participation, notebook reviews, tests, and projects.

Grade improvement opportunities will be afforded students each grading period.

- 50% Performances/Projects/Tests
- 50% Notebooks/Homework/Written Assignments

**MAKE-UP WORK** - When you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make it up. Students have one class day per absence to complete make-up assignments. For an excused absence, students will have a reasonable period of time to complete the assignment depending on the length of the excused absence. Students who fail to complete make-up work will receive a zero (0) on the assignment.

**LATE WORK** - Any work turned in by the end of school on the due date will not be penalized as being late. Work not turned in by 5:00 pm on the assigned due day will be penalized 10 points each day late, not to exceed 3 days. After the 3rd day, no work will be accepted and a zero (0) will be given.

## **TUTORING AND CONFERENCE TIMES**

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Tutoring times are 8:00-8:30am, Monday-Thursday. Conference Times are available between 8:40 and 10:20am Mon-Fri. If you need to come in at another time, please let me know in advance.

## **CHAMPION THEATRE EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES**

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The Theatre Department offers other exciting opportunity such as drama club, Evening at the Theatre, and many productions to audition for and to see!

**INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY:** The International Thespian Society is an honor society for student actors. Students who participate in theatre activities throughout the year and earn the required number of points (10) earn membership into the organization and honored at a special awards banquet at the end of the year.

**PRODUCTIONS:** Champion Theatre presents a minimum of 3 full-length productions and 1 UIL One-Act Play each year. Rehearsal times are set for 4:30-6:30 Mon-Thurs. The department also produces 3-5 Black Box productions a year. Auditions for Main Stage productions are always open to the entire student body. Black Box productions are cast by individual Theatre classes.

**COMEDY IMPROV TROUPE:** Depending on interest, we hope to begin a CHS Improv comedy troupe that will perform once a month in the Black Box Theatre. Auditions are open to all theatre students.



## SYLLABUS & DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### READ, SIGN, AND RETURN

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As the parent/guardian of a CHS Theatre student, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Student Name  
my son/daughter and I have read and understand the Champion Theatre syllabus.  
In addition to my students' class syllabus, I have also read, and have access to a  
copy of the CHS Theatre Department Handbook online at  
[www.championtheatre.com/forms](http://www.championtheatre.com/forms) and on Google Classroom.

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Parent Signature

As a student of Champion High School Theatre, I have read, understand and will  
follow the guidelines set forth in this syllabus and the CHS Theatre Handbook.

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Student Signature