



# WELCOME TO THEATRE PRODUCTION I-IV

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

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This class provides an advanced level of study of theatre arts. It uses individual and group assignments as well as ensemble productions to provide students a hands-on experience in the world of theatre. Students will learn advanced acting, technical theatre concepts, theatre vocabulary, theatre history and more!

### ORGANIZATION

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This class is structured around the theatrical production process. Students will work in groups to recreate various theatrical styles in performance. This class integrates lecture, homework, quizzes, tests, and advanced, competitive, full-length performance projects. Student participation is a MAJOR part of this class. Students are expected to devote extracurricular time to this class OUTSIDE of school hours, and are required to audition for all main stage productions as well as participate in student directed shows.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

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The overall objective of this course is to immerse students in the discipline of 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 effectively through artistic design and design execution
- analyze 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 class will cover a wide variety of topics, including:

- Theatre History
- Theatre Appreciation
- Theatre Architecture
- Advanced Acting
- Advanced Improv
- Musical Theatre
- Advanced Tech Theatre
- Theatrical Design
- Theatre Etiquette/Culture
- Theatre Career Development

## 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 Champion 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, OR ON STAGE. 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.

- 1 Highlighter
- 2 Pencils w/eraser
- 2 Pens - Black or Blue ink
- 1 Folder or Binder for classroom handouts/scripts, etc.
- 1 Composition Notebook or Spiral Notebook to keep as a class journal
- 1 Sketch book – 25 pg minimum, size 8.5" x 11"

There is a \$20 theatrical supply fee associated with this class that is used to buy consumable supplies specific for this class and to pay for 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 these items are also appreciated. Production Class members are also required to have a Champion Theatre T-shirt. This shirt will be worn to performances, field trips, etc., and are available for purchase for \$20 through the Revtrak Link below.

**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. Students must dress appropriately for class and according to school dress code. Students may bring clothes and shoes that are appropriate for movement, and keep them in the Black Box if they wish.

Appropriate clothing includes:

- T-shirts
- Jazz Pants
- Jazz Shoes
- Tennis Shoes

- Character Shoes
- Pants/jeans/shorts that do not limit movement

Students should NOT wear:

- High heels
- Sandals
- Boots
- Bare feet
- Revealing Skirts or dresses
- "Sunday Dress" type clothes

Students will not be excused from activities if they choose not to dress appropriately. Students will receive a "0" for a weekly participation grade if they cannot participate due to inappropriate dress/shoes.

## GRADING POLICY

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Theatre is a PERFORMANCE-BASED class. Consequently grading for Theatre is structured so that students who participate fully in classroom activities and performances will be successful. Students earn grades for class participation, notebook reviews, performances, tests, and projects.

Grade improvement opportunities will be given during 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.

## 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:** Every year Champion Theatre presents several major, Main Stage productions. There are 3 full length productions and 1 UIL One Act Play on our schedule for this year. Auditions are always open to the entire student body.

**C.H.I.P. - Champion HS Improv Players:** Our very own “Whose Line Is It, Anyway?” improv group! This student led group is by audition, and performs Bi-Monthly in the Black Box.

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## 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