

STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Music Department -

Theater Arts and Vocal Production/Advanced Theater Arts and Vocal Production

Curriculum Scope and Sequence

HIGH SCHOOL	Concept/Units	Application - Students will:
	<p>The History of Theater</p> <p>Students of theater understand the history of theater, including how theater reflects the religious, social, economic, and political influences of the times.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate an understanding of the history of theater.• Recognize appropriate theater terms.• Trace the development of theater.
	<p>The Basics of Theater and Vocal Production</p> <p>Students of theater understand the basics of performance including warm-ups, the use of observation and experience, the elements of pantomime, and the principles of improvisation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore emotional response.• Recognize the body as a tool of expression.• Use effective articulation and pronunciation.• Demonstrate the use of imagination in the creation of a character.

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<p>Elements of Acting</p> <p>Students of theater prepare for a role and work together with other members of a production team to create an artistic, meaningful performance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow stage directions.• Memorize dialogue.• Analyze scenes and characters.• Recognize a character's motivation.• Use effective articulation and pronunciation.
<p>Creating a Character</p> <p>Students of theater need to analyze characters from clues in the plays' text to develop characters in a variety of comic and dramatic roles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate the use of imagination in the creation of a character.• Present a character using various emotions.• Use the body as a tool of expression.• Articulate the importance of motivation for a character.• Analyze scenes and characters.• Create comic and dramatic roles.
<p>Creating a Production</p> <p>Students of theater learn the basics of putting on a production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a scenario to write a play.• Analyze a play as a director would.• Create a rehearsal schedule.• Block a scene with more than one actor.• Identify the essential elements of a theatrical production.

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<p>Technical Theater</p> <p>Students of theater know the technical elements that go into the making of a successful production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a set design for a scene.• Create a light design.• Make a cue sheet and sound effects recording.• Prepare costume designs.• Apply character makeup.• Prepare a prop plot.
<p>Beyond the Stage Performance</p> <p>Students of theater study the theater and its counterparts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the elements of musical theater.• Explore theatrical form outside the realm of traditional theater.• Understand how the elements of theater, film, and television differ.• Adapt a scene from a play to a screenplay.• Understand and explore the elements of criticism.• Analyze a variety of theatrical performances.