

# ACTING I

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## Topics Covered in this Course:

Auditioning  
Voice and Movement  
Improvisation  
Character Analysis  
Plot Elements  
Ensemble Production  
Audience Etiquette  
Criticism  
Duet Acting  
Various Acting Techniques Including:  
*Stanislavski, Musical Theatre, Meisner,  
Brecht, Spolin, and Shakespeare*

\*\* The above is not an exhaustive list of theatre topics. The outline can be supplemented as time allows.\*\*



## Required Materials:

- A positive attitude
- Pen, pencil, and highlighter
- Closed toe shoes
- Other specific materials or supplies may be needed for specific projects
- Laptop computer



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for assignments, announcements, and tickets to our shows.

## Participation Requirements:

Theatre classes demand 100% participation. Therefore, participation weighs heavily on your grade. Each student can earn a possible 5 points daily for participation. Lack of participation will result in a zero for the day/project. Students will be pro-rated for excused absences. However, performances cannot be missed.

Students will be required to see two live stage productions during the semester. Both of these productions must be Olathe East's Fall Play: *Cut & Check Please* and Fall Musical: *Hadestown*. Students are expected to purchase a ticket. Any student who cannot purchase a ticket may see the performance for free by volunteering to usher. Students will need to complete a Performance Critique for each show in order to receive full credit. Save the dates for...

- Fall Lab: *Improv Comedy Show* – September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm
- Fall Plays: *Cut & Check Please* – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- Fall Musical: *Hadestown* – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- Winter Lab: *Olathe East Live* – December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

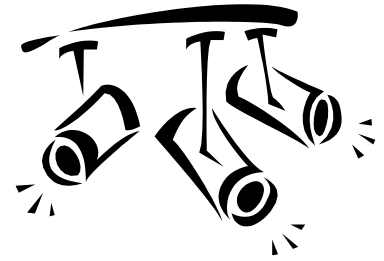
# Expectations of Mr. Shafer's Classroom

- Show respect for classmates, their work and ideas, school equipment/supplies, and your teacher.
- I follow the 10/10 policy. No passes the first or last ten minutes of the class. No passes will be allowed to be used when I have a substitute.
- Projects/Performances must be presented or submitted on the day due unless legally excused or the student has received an extension from the teacher.
- Refusal to do a project/performance on the day assigned will result in an 'F', as will unlawfully missing class during the period the project/performance is due. Inappropriate language or behavior will also result in an automatic deduction of points for assignments, projects, and/or presentations.
- A student's grade on a delinquent assignment will drop 10% with each day after the due date. Depending on the circumstances of the late work, it may be accepted and graded. Students can always complete the assignment for partial credit.
- All missed work must be submitted within the maximum of three days.
- Respect the equipment in the classroom, Auditorium, and Drama Theater.
- Anyone caught unsupervised, or without teacher permission, in the Auditorium, Drama Theater, or Scene Shop will be written up and sent to an administrator.
- No food, drink, or gum will be allowed in the Auditorium or Drama Theater.

## Grading Procedure:

Assignments will vary in points according to the level of difficulty. These assignments include but are not limited to the following: individual and group presentations, writings, critiques, quizzes and performances. To calculate your percentage, take the total number of points received and divide by the total number of points possible. Points will be rounded up to the nearest whole number. To determine your letter grade, find the percentage on the scale below:

100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69-60% D, 59-0% F



## Extra Credit:

A student may earn extra bonus points for attending any **theatrical** performance at Olathe East or in the community during the semester. A student who participates in such a production is eligible for additional bonus points. These may be professional or amateur productions. To receive credit one must provide a written and verbal critique of the production for the class and supply a ticket stub or program of the event. Extra credit will not apply to the two performances required each year.

## Consequences for inappropriate cell phone usage are as follows:

- **1st Offense**: Verbal Warning by Classroom Teacher
- **2nd Offense**: Phone confiscated for the duration of the class period. Cell phone returned to the student at end of the hour.
- **3rd Offense**: Phone confiscated and turned into the main office. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up the cell phone from the appropriate administrator in the office after 2:40pm. It is the responsibility of the student to notify their parent/guardian of cell phone confiscation and consequences for future infractions.
- **4th Offense**: Phone confiscated and turned into the main office. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up the cell phone from the appropriate administrator in the office after 2:40pm. Communication will be sent to the parent/guardian informing them of the situation and consequences for future infractions.
- **5th Offense**: Phone confiscated and turned into the main office. Communication will be sent to their parent/guardian that they will need to pick up the cell phone from the appropriate administrator in the office after 2:40pm
- **Additional Occurrences**: Parents will be contacted to pick up the cell phone. Additional disciplinary actions may apply (i.e., ISS, OSS, cell phone contract, or loss of cell phone privileges).