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|  2025-26 High School Theatre Arts PROGRAMPenn-Griffin School for the Arts offers a comprehensive Theatre Arts program for grades 9 – 12. We welcome rising 9th -12th graders to apply for the 2025-26 academic school year. The Theatre Arts major is a competitive program focused on preparing students to enter higher education or choose a career path as a theatre artist (or related field). Throughout the year, students will study Theatre Arts for a minimum of 90 minutes daily and will engage with a variety of areas of theatre and media, including acting, musical theatre, directing, playwriting, lighting and sound, costuming, carpentry, film/TV, marketing, management, and much more. Students have a minimum of five production opportunities throughout the year (in class as well as extracurricular) and are constantly completing creative projects such as musicals, sketch comedy shows, short films, duet scenes, improv competitions... every day brings an opportunity for artistic expression. Theatre students are encouraged to grow not only in their craft but as global citizens, learning about theatre from cultures across the world, participating in and engaging with performances and scripts that tackle prominent issues, and analyzing the connections between theatre and society. Our majors participate in extracurricular activities and competitions such as the North Carolina Theatre Conference, NC Thespians State Festival, the August Wilson Monologue Competition, Poetry Out Loud, the North Carolina Young Playwright’s Festival and more in concordance with organizations such as the International Thespian Society, Triad Stage, UNC Greensboro, NCA&T, and the Educational Theatre Association. Opportunities are available for students to network with industry professionals, go on field trips, travel to national competitions, earn scholarships, and grow as artists. Skills learned in theatre are transferable to all aspects of life and no matter where their future takes them, Theatre Majors will leave PGSA with more confidence, better public speaking skills, and collaboration and leadership experience. Here's to four years of opening nights, laughter, and memories, and a lifetime of belonging to the Penn-Griffin Playmakers family!The academic curriculum at PGSA is at the Honors and Advanced Placement levels. Therefore, applicants must be academically ready for this curriculum*.* We invite you to complete an online application and submit it by Friday, November 22. You must reside in Guilford County to apply and live within one of the designated school attendance zones. The link to the high school application (through SchoolMint) is available online at the school’s website beginning Wednesday, October 9. You will also be invited to complete your in-person audition on Saturday, December 14.  If you have any questions, please contact Kim Spell, Magnet Coordinator, at spellk2@gcsnc.com or Ms. Waring at waringe@gcsnc.com.  |
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| Theatre Arts Educator’s Bio**Elin Waring**  **Theatre Arts Director** **Miss Waring is thrilled to begin her seventh year of teaching at Penn-Griffin in the fall of 2025! In May 2019, Miss Waring received her BFA in Theatre Education with a Minor in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. A few months later, Miss Waring received her North Carolina Teaching License, granting her the ability to teach K-12 Drama and Psychology in any North Carolina Public School. Since 2011, Miss Waring has been building her resume as a theatre educator by getting involved at summer camps and community theatres, learning everything she could with the goal of becoming a theatre teacher driving her. She was a teaching assistant at both Raleigh Little Theatre and North Raleigh Arts and Creative Theatre the summer of 2011 through the summer of 2015. She became the drama specialist at URJ Camp Coleman the summer of 2016, and in 2019 she became their premier Performing Arts Coordinator. Her favorite memories of theatre are when she directed her first musical at PGSA, “Seussical”, in March 2020, when she performed as Penny in “Hairspray” at Raleigh Little Theatre in 2014, when she was a junior in high school and won the award for Best Playwright at the NC Thespian Festival in 2014, and when she saw her first Broadway show, “Mary Poppins”, at the age of 10.** **waringe@gcsnc.com**   |
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