



Drama 1 Syllabus

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Classroom and Office Location

Room J-4, Performing Arts Bldg.
Office hours by appointment

Course Overview for Drama 1

Description

Drama 1 is a comprehensive, introductory course in the drama pathway. Drama 1 students will experience high quality project-based learning with opportunities for leadership and community building within class and beyond.

Drama 1 students will:

- Learn terms, work positions, and concepts of theater performance;
- Explore theater history through different cultures and eras;
- Observe staged plays and musicals for theater appreciation;
- Read and interpret scripts from stage and screen;
- Learn stage movement and how to build confidence on stage;
- Acquire improvisation skills to connect and build trust with their classmates;
- Apply vocal techniques for breath support, projection, and articulation;
- Creatively build characters through a variety of defined acting techniques such as Commedia dell'arte;
- Examine and perform monologues or scenes;
- Learn how to audition and the beginnings of the business side of show business;
- Complete an actor's résumé.

Required Course Materials

- Section of a loose-leaf binder or notebook dedicated to Drama 1
- Folder dedicated to Drama 1
- Journal
- Pens, pencils, highlighters
- Comfortable clothing that allows free movement and close-toed shoes.

Rules

Students are expected to arrive on time, ready to work, and behave safely, responsibly, and maturely. Respect each other and each person's point of view and do all of your own work. Not following safety guidelines, causing disruption, disrespect, chronic tardiness or use of the bathroom pass, failure to adhere to classroom and school policies, or other offenses may result in a referral and/or visit with an Administrator. Students will be marked tardy if they are more than 5 minutes late without a tardy slip.

Use of cellphones or other electronic devices during class is strictly prohibited unless usage is permitted at designated times. If the teacher deems that a cell phone or personal electronic device is not used for school

work during a designated usage time, or if it is not put away upon arrival, the teacher will confiscate the cell phone or personal electronic device and provide it to the front office for a parent to retrieve.

Bathroom Passes: Each student is given 5 bathroom passes for the semester. Each bathroom pass not used, will be worth 1 point extra credit at the end of the semester.

Grading

Grades will be viewable via Illuminate Ed.

Participation 50% - Participation is key in Drama 1. Students are expected to have good attendance and contribute to class discussions. **Students are required to participate in two showcases, one in the fall and one in the spring, that serve as their mid-term exam and final exam respectively.** Students may participate by performing in group scenes or present another project as approved by the program director. Please check the list of events on the Contract *now* to accommodate this requirement among your calendars. ***If there is a concern about a student's ability to attend a showcase, please contact Mrs. Elia-Yen by Sept. 1 to arrange an alternate time to perform their piece no later than 2 days after the showcase for half credit. If a student is a no-show meaning they did not attend the showcase and/or their arranged make-up performance, they will receive a zero for this grade.*** Students are graded on their preparedness, vocal/physical characterization, interpretation, difficulty, and overall work on a given piece.

Tests 20% - Expect tests toward the end of each unit and quizzes in between. Plenty of advance notice will always be given for tests, but there may be pop quizzes!

Assignments 20% - Students will prepare assignments within class and rarely at home. Support is available to assist in completing assignments by clear due dates that are given with plenty of notice.

Citizenship 10% - Citizenship encompasses attitude and preparedness for class.

Late and Make-Up Work

Turning in an assignment or project one class period late will result in a full-grade point deduction; turning in a project two class periods late will result in a two-grade point deduction; **no project may be turned in more than two class periods late.**

Absences - If you miss class due to an excused absence, you must make up any work or test within the same number of classes that you missed (gone two days: you have two days to do make-ups), though faster is almost always better. Students who are absent are expected to contact Mrs. Elia-Yen and/or another student to learn what was covered while they were gone. Notes, handouts, assignments, and upcoming tests are all among items to ask about. **It is *your* responsibility to find out what you missed and make arrangements to make up the work or test within two class periods of your return.**

Extra Credit - Students can earn extra credit. Most notably, students have a chance to see a production at school or elsewhere (Mrs. Elia-Yen has access to complimentary and discount tickets!) and to submit a typed, one-page, single-spaced critique about different aspects of the show toward extra credit.

Volunteering

Parents, please see the volunteer and donation sheet. We appreciate your support!

Drama and Stagecraft Events

Please view our list of events on the contract.

Find Us Online:

MCHS Website: <http://www.mariacarrillohighschool/dramaandstagecraft>

Facebook: Maria Carrillo High School Arts

Instagram: MCHS Arts

RemindApp: Class name = "Drama 1" Directions: Text @drama1yen to the number 81010