



# Drama 2 Syllabus

## 2019-2020 School Year



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### Classroom and Office Location

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

## Course Overview for Drama 2 (Drama 1 prerequisite or by audition with Mrs. Elia-Yen)

This course continues along the performance pathway by reinforcing Drama 1 skills and further challenging the actor to free their individual creativity for fuller connection of mind, body, and emotion in performance. Drama 2 students will experience high quality project-based learning with opportunities for leadership and community building within class and beyond.

### New Drama 2 students will:

- Delve further into character development through a variety of defined acting techniques;
- Explore how to prepare and conduct oneself during a callback audition with cold readings from the script;
- Strengthen vocal techniques (diction and projection);
- Begin to learn and apply Shakespeare's language to his sonnets and monologues;
- Connect with local talent agencies, casting directors, and production companies for work in the industry.

### Repeating Drama 2 students will continue the above points, plus:

- Learn and apply dialects;
- Examine and regularly perform complex modern, classical, and Shakespearean monologues and scenes;
- Direct monologues and scenes;
- Learn the basics of dramatic writing.

## Required Course Materials

- Section of a loose-leaf binder or notebook dedicated to Drama 2
- Folder dedicated to Drama 2
- 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 in performance is key as well as in group discussions.

- All Drama 2 students are required to performing in two showcases, one in the fall and one in the spring, that serve as their mid-term exam and final exam respectively. 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.
- All Drama 2 students are required to attend at least one theater performance at any local high school or theater company in Santa Rosa or within 45 miles of Santa Rosa, and type a review of the production (one-page, 8.5" x 11" paper at 10-12 font size, single-spaced.) One complimentary student ticket will be provided under their name toward that performance. All Drama 2 students must arrange the attendance of their show of choice through Mrs. Elia-Yen.

Tests 20% - Tests are at the end of each unit with 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 a respectful attitude toward the MCHS theater program, classmates, and teacher, as well as demonstrating good attendance and preparedness for class and performances. Students will learn to demonstrate accountability in achieving goals and completing tasks. Students will take responsibility as stewards of the MCHS theater in preserving and improving its physical aspects (classroom, theater, dressing rooms, storage, scene shop, and backyard) as well as their community with regard to auditions, rehearsals, and performances.

### 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. **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. In addition to the required viewing of a local performance, students may attend and write reviews about other shows (Mrs. Elia-Yen has access to complimentary and discount tickets!) or assist on any number of school assemblies, concerts, or shows backstage.

### 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 2" Directions: Text @drama2yen to the number 81010