

Technical Theatre

Course Description:

This course explores the essential skills needed to safely and effectively contribute to theatre productions. Students will learn safety procedures for hand and shop tools, including theatre-specific techniques such as working with ladders, lifts, and lighting and sound systems. Practical skills cover set construction, painting techniques, theatre lighting fundamentals, costume design and construction, and sound design essentials. The course provides the foundation for equipping students with the diverse technical skills necessary for successful behind-the-scenes roles in theatrical productions.

Curriculum Work So Far:

1. Discussed the current reality of the course and the problems that existed.
2. Established end goals for students in the performing arts program and steps to achieve those goals.
3. Looked at the learning objectives measured and the work that students produced.
4. Agreed upon the skills students would learn during each course.
5. Looked at evidence and survey results from other students and families who have participated in the program at the different levels.
6. Drafted a curricular scope & sequence of 5 units for the semester that aligns with our end goals.

Unit 1: Safety

Unit 2: Set

Unit 3: Lighting

Unit 4: Costume

Unit 5: Sound

7. Developed enduring understandings, essential questions, and student learning goals in alignment with the Missouri Fine Arts Grade Level Expectations. The enduring understandings and essential questions that drive the course are listed below. Additionally, each exploratory unit has specific enduring understandings, essential questions, and student learning goals.

Course Enduring Understandings:

- Successful productions require coordinated efforts from various individuals with different roles and responsibilities.
- The technical aspects involved in producing a play enhance the overall theatrical experience.
- Problem-solving skills and adaptability in the face of unforeseen circumstances are essential for a successful play.
- Careful planning and organization ensure successful execution of a performance.

Course Essential Questions:

- What are the different roles needed to effectively produce a meaningful performance?
- How do the different roles come together to create a successful performance?
- What essential elements are needed to produce a successful and impactful performance?
- How does the selection of costumes, set design, and lighting choices contribute to the overall atmosphere and storytelling in a theatrical production?

Student Learning Overview:

- The course is meant to attract students to the Theatre Arts program who may not necessarily want to perform in front of an audience.
- There are no prerequisites for this course.