

Ms. Vermeulen's (Ms. V.) Classroom Rules and Procedures

Theatre I

Class Objective:

This class will give students an understanding of the fundamentals of theatre and will explore how theatre can be applicable to everyday life.

Daily procedures and grades:

- **Grades**
 - 50% daily/participation grades
 - Class work- the only way to learn in theatre is to be present.
 - Extra credit is built into your class work grade. Your daily grades will depend on your presence and full participation including reflections. Participation and reflections cannot be made up. If a day is missed, or you choose not to participate, your grade will be impacted accordingly:
 - Perfect attendance and participation during the week=105
 - 1 day missed or no participation= 100
 - 2 days missed or no participation= 80
 - 3 days missed or no participation= 60
 - 4 days missed or no participation= 40
 - 5 days missed or no participation= 0
 - Journals (5 min each)
 - Journals are due every day. If a journal is missed, you have until the following Tuesday to arrange a time to make up the journal and present it to me.
 - 50% Major grades
 - Tests/Quizzes/Major Projects
 - Missed tests, quizzes, and written projects must be made up within 3 days of the due date. Each late day will cost 10 points. You must arrange a time to make up these assignments.
 - Performances
 - You will be required to perform for your peers in this class. If you feel this isn't something you cannot do, then you will not be successful in this class. Performances must be completed on the scheduled date. If there is a planned absence, I must know ahead of time. If absence is due to illness or emergency, please email or call me as quickly as possible to avoid a 0.
 - Extra credit
 - Because extra credit is built into your daily grades, extra credit opportunities are limited to two opportunities to see a play per semester. You will need to bring me a program signed by the house manager of the production and a one to two page critique of the performance aspects of the performance.

- **Proper Dress:**
 - All students will comply with the district dress code. In addition, students will come to class with appropriate and safe attire for working in the theater and/or movement exercises. Failure to dress appropriately will result in removal from classroom activities, which will have a negative impact on the student's grade.
- **Tutoring/Conference:**
 - I am available after school by appointment to help with any class assignments.
 - My conference period is from 3:15-4:00
 - I am located in room 137. You are welcome to email me at any time with questions or concerns at ashleyelizabeth.verm@wacoisd.org

Rules:

1. The number one rule in my class is, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ***PRODUCTIVE*** TO SAY, DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL! The performance aspect of theatre can be a scary experience. Properly stated constructive criticism is a necessity, but no cruel or rude comments will be tolerated. If a student is caught being mean or rude, they will not receive participation credit for the day.
2. Be on time for class. If you aren't on time, you may miss out on a valuable part of the lesson, which will negatively impact your grade. If you must be late due to another class, please ask your teacher to call me so that I don't count the tardy and make sure they write a pass.
3. No food or drink in class. Bottled water is strongly encouraged, but other food and drink will not be tolerated and will be thrown away.
4. Spit out chewing gum prior to entering my classroom. Students will receive one verbal warning if they are caught chewing gum, after that, they will be asked to sit out of activities which will result in a reduction of their participation grade.
5. No personal grooming in class. Makeup and hair supplies being used in the classroom will be taken away and held by the instructor until the end of class. The second instance will require that a parent claim the items.
6. Phones and electronics must be put away in class. Students may charge phones at the charging station I have provided, but, they may not take phones out until dismissal. Charging phones is done at the student's own risk. Phones are safest when stowed in the student's bag. Parents should inform me of extenuating circumstances as soon as possible so exemptions can be made.
7. Refrain from using any inappropriate language or profanity in the classroom.
8. Cheating will not be tolerated per the student handbook. If a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing, they will be subject to consequences per the Waco High Student Handbook.

Parents

Please sign this form to acknowledge that you have read and understand the classroom procedures. This form will count as a homework grade and must be turned in to Mrs. V. no later than Friday August 24th to receive credit.

Student Name (Print):

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:
