



# TECHNICAL THEATER ONE :

An Introduction to Theater and Theatrical Design

**Course Description:** Technical Theatre I is designed to introduce students to the basic fundamentals of theater production. This hands-on program includes instruction in the overall design process, set design, lighting design, costume design, marketing design, audio engineering, script analysis, theater history and production management. This class is focused on building foundational skills in technical theater that will allow the student to move on to more advanced theater skills and problem solving skills that can be used in any life situation.

*Successful completion of this course fulfills your Fine Arts credit.*

## **COURSE EVALUATION:**

**Projects:** Each project will be graded with a rubric that breaks down its components.

**Daily points:** Bell Ringers (Start the Show!) assignments, skills assessments, mini-projects and other daily assignments will be the bulk of daily points. These assignments will be graded on completion, effort shown, and properly expressing the main concept of the assignment.

### **Grading Scale:**

90-100% A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

0-59% F

All grades are rounded up.

### **Missing Assignments:**

Missing assignments can be made up at the instructor's discretion.

If an assignment is missed it will be marked with an I in the grade book which results in zero points until the assignment is made up. Points will be deducted for late work; 5 points will be deducted for each day late until the assignment is turned or the grade reaches 0. Grades will be posted in a timely fashion. Please allow at least one week after the due date for major assignments to be posted.

### **Academic Dishonesty:**

Students are expected to complete all tests and assignments honestly and will not collaborate in dishonest actions. Students will not give or accept answers or assignments unless directed to by the teacher. Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will be subject to discipline as stated in the Student Handbook.

**Attendance:** You MUST be in class on time. PERIOD. There are many in-class graded assignments – if you aren't here – you will not be able to complete them. If you are unexcused that day – you will lose those points.

**Participation:** Because the majority of work for this course will be completed in class, students will be expected to always put forth their best effort during class time.

**Performance Attendance:** Students may make up any failed or missed assignment by attending a WHS Theater production, a University High production, or any production from the area. They will need to turn in a playbill or program with a 1 to 2 page critique of the production discussing positive and negative elements of the technical side of the production.

### **SUPPLIES:**

You must always have on hand:

1. Pencil
2. 3 brad pocket folder

### **Classroom Rules and Expectations:**

1. Tardies – you are tardy if you enter the room any time after the bell rings
2. Have your supplies ready at the beginning of class.
3. Horseplay of any kind can result in immediate referrals.
4. You may bring water to class, no other food or drink.
5. During construction and production of shows ALL SAFETY procedures MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED:

**\*REMEMBER: Quick and convenient solutions are usually NOT the safest solutions.**

**\* walk in the shop**

**\* use tools safely**

**\* listen and follow instructions**

**\* do not distract others**

**\* clean up when work is finished**

**\* share tools with others**

**\* wear safety glasses while operating power tools at all times.**

6. NO MUSIC LISTENING DEVICES ALLOWED!!! EAR PHONES AND CONSTRUCTION DO NOT MIX!
7. If you leave the work area ANY REASON without permission, you will receive an immediate referral to the deans. You will need to sign in and out on the OUT OF CLASS clipboard and get a pass before you go anywhere.

**Respect Yourself - Respect Others - Respect your School**

# WACO HIGH SCHOOL TECHNICAL THEATRE DOCUMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND SAFETY

Please read this document for full understanding with a parent/guardian regarding the expectations for our Technical Theatre Program.

## PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

I have reviewed with my child the following safety expectations which include but are not limited to:

- \*Follow all safety rules as reviewed by the theater directors
- \*exhibit a professional image both in appearance and actions
- \*be respectful to fellow peers (including other techies, actors/actresses, dancers, musicians, directors, audience members, etc)
- \*represent WHS Tech in a positive way when communicating with groups and individuals
- \*actively participate when present at tech (i.e. when you are here, you should be working on a project. If you don't have a project, ask the Technical Director for a job to do.)
- \*maintain a good attitude and a positive working environment
- \*ask for help when it is needed, especially with any tools. If you do not understand 100% how to use a tool or piece of equipment - ASK before you use it
- \*fill out a Work Record to record all tech hours so that the correct job may be assigned for any techs that will work on the Crew for any particular show

## TOOL/MACHINE/EQUIPMENT USE

There are numerous hand and power tools that students can use during their involvement in our theater program. Students have the responsibility not to use tools or machines with which they lack familiarity or training. Students also have the responsibility to use safety glasses and hearing protection where appropriate and to be aware of items that may catch in a tool or machine, such as loose clothing, hair or jewelry. Before starting the machine, students are to inspect both hand and material position as well as other safety precautions to assure safe and proper use. Tools and equipment should only be used when the technical director is present, never use without permission of the technical director.

REMEMBER: If you don't feel comfortable, or are not sure on how to use a machine - DON'T USE IT!

## COMMITMENT STATEMENT

I understand that this is a voluntary activity that involves a risk of injury to my child and I freely and voluntarily assume and accept this risk for myself and my child. In consideration of Waco High School and the School District allowing my child to take part in this activity, I agree for myself and on behalf of my child, to waive all liability against the School District, its employees and volunteers with respect to any and all injury, disability, or damage to person or property that occurs as a result of my child's participation in the activity.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this page of the packet to Mr. Garrett on or before August 25th to receive a daily grade of 100. This form will need to be on file before any student is allowed to participate in tech work outside of classroom work (shop work, stage work, work days)