

Calallen ISD
2025-2026 Syllabus

Campus: Calallen Middle School

Course and/or Grade Level: Theater Arts, Grades 6-8

Course Description: This year-long course focuses on interpretation and performance, as students gain a more in-depth understanding of theatrical elements and principles. Students will examine scripts and learn basic acting techniques. While evaluating scripted materials, students will analyze characters, study dialogue, and design stage movements to solve theatrical problems.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
• All About Us • Routines and Expectations • Collaboration • Introduction to Improv • Relationships with People, Places, Things and Circumstances • Writing a Script • Collaborative Idea Use in Scenes • Character Building • Losing the Narrator • Roles in Rehearsals	• Jobs in Theatre • Puppetry • Duet Scenes • Monologues • Thanksgiving Scenes • Choose your own adventure collaboration • Theatre Critique

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
• Script Analysis • Character Analysis • Publicity • Set Design • Sound Design • Lighting Design • Costume Design • Hair/Makeup/Design • Stage Management	• Acting for the Camera • Greek Theatre • Roman Theatre • Medieval Theatre • Morality Plays • Shakespeare (biography and sonnets) • Musical Theater

**Minor Adjustments to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*