

Course Title:	Principles of Acting
Grade(s):	9-12

Course Description
This elective course provides a foundational understanding of acting and directing for stage. Students will engage in critical analysis, scene work, collaborative projects, and writing of their own original scenes. This course is open to anyone and everyone!
Approved Curricular Materials/Textbook(s)

Unit Title	Unit Description (Include Unit Objectives)	Unit Pacing
Unit 1: The Basics of Stage Acting	Students will: • Understand stage direction and theater vocabulary • Learn about the various departments in a given production • Explore body language and unspoken information • Begin to explore scene and character analysis	4 weeks
Unit 2: The Basics of Writing for Stage	Students will: • Explore and analyze various scripts • Workshop a short scene from a larger work of their own creation • Learn script writing convention	4 weeks
Unit 3: The Basics of Directing for Stage	Students will: • Watch and analyze scenes from stage and film • Understand effective directing • Understand efficient rehearsal etiquette • Engage with other departments and learn how to explain ideas to people who do not necessarily use the same vocabulary	4 weeks

Unit 4: Final Project	By this point in the semester, students will have a polished scene of their own creation. They will plan a rehearsal and direct their own scenes. They will also act in each other's scenes and provide feedback for one another.	2 weeks
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