

CFISD Beginning Theatre Arts, Grades 7th and 8th (full year) (2026-2027)

Course Description

This beginning course covers the fundamentals of acting and theatrical production. Classroom activities include mime / pantomime, improvisation, characterization, technical theatre (including scenery, lighting, sound, costuming, hair / makeup), and play production. Emphasis will be placed on a variety of in-class performances and individual / group presentations.

Students may have the opportunity to audition for theatrical productions and/or competitions. These optional events may require additional preparation and involvement after school, and/or on Saturdays.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills: [Theatre, Middle School 1, Adopted 2013](#)

First Semester (80 Days)**

1st Grading Period

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Theatre Etiquette, Physicality / Mime, Voice	8/12/2026	10/8/2026

***2nd Grading Period**

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Oral Interpretation, Movement / Blocking, Improvisation, Stage Conventions	10/19/2026	12/18/2026

Second Semester (93 Days)**

3rd Grading Period

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Characterization, Production Process, Technical Theatre	1/5/2027	3/11/2027

***4th Grading Period**

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Technical Theatre, Theatre History, Careers, Original Theatre	3/22/2027	5/27/2027

Notes

* Includes time for Final Exams.

**The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re- teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a shorter number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.

Instructional Materials

Drama Works!

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