

CFISD Beginning Theatre Arts, Grades 7 and 8, (One Semester) (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, Pantomime / Mime, Body Movement, Voice, Oral Interpretation	8/18/2026	10/8/2026

***2nd Grading Period**

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Technical Theatre, Improvisation, Characterization, Stage Conventions / Blocking, Production Process	10/19/2026	12/18/2026

Or Second Semester (93 Days)**

3rd Grading Period

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Theatre Etiquette, Pantomime / Mime, Body Movement, Voice, Oral Interpretation	1/5/2027	3/11/2027

***4th Grading Period**

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Technical Theatre, Improvisation, Characterization, Stage Conventions / Blocking, Production Process	3/16/2027	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

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