

Drama 1  
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Drama is the oldest art form that human beings still engage in. The telling of stories verbally, visually, physically, and figuratively is older than civilization itself. While this class may be an elective to fulfill your Fine, Performing, and/or Technical Arts requirement, the issues we address here are life skills that will serve you well as adults. Our ultimate goal is to explore the creative link between ourselves and our surroundings and how we can use that knowledge to our advantage in real-life situations. Through role-playing and improvisation, we will experience the teamwork required to create entertaining performances and learn how to work with people from all backgrounds in different situations.

Grades will be based on the following areas:

- Participation in warm-up, in-class exercises, and activities.
- Class participation and positive contribution to the learning environment.
- Culminating performances.
- Behavior as an audience member during performances.
- Written theatrical review of Act2 Theatre Company's play
- Final Exam performance. *If you fail to do the performance you will receive an incomplete and no credit for the semester!*

I cannot stress the class participation aspect strongly enough. Each class is a unique day and activity that cannot be recreated; if you are not here, you are not participating. Ten days of attendance and *positive* contribution equals an additional "A" to your grade. Three tardies will drop your participation credit by one full grade. Unexcused absences forfeit participation points for that day. Excused absences require you to contact me as soon as you return to class to make up for missed work and/or receive an alternate assignment. Failure to contact me means failure to earn missed points. Additional ways to lose participation points include (but are not limited to):

- Negative comments about activities or individuals
- Lack of participation in required daily warm-up
- Leaving classroom or rehearsal area without permission
- Bringing food or beverages other than *PLAIN WATER* into the classroom
- Chewing gum
- Being caught with a cell phone or other prohibited electronic device (which will also result in confiscation)

You will submit a written critique of Act2 Theatre Company's production of *Cinderella* this semester. **You can see the play for free** either by signing up to usher or selling a program ad (see me for details); usher sign-up sheets will be posted in the Drama Room one week before opening night. **DO NOT NEGLECT THIS ASSIGNMENT!** Failure to write the critique will drop your 4<sup>th</sup> marking period grade by 20 percent! This means that an A becomes a C, and a C becomes an E!

Drama is an active class. Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes that allow you to move. Be prepared to use the floor for sitting, lying, rolling, crawling, etc. The carpets are cleaned every

year and need to stay clean. Therefore, food (including gum) and beverages (other than plain water) are not permitted in the Drama Room. Failure to comply with this policy will forfeit participation points for the day.

Your school-issued computer will usually not be required. You are welcome to bring it to class, but you may not use it during activities unless it is part of the project.

Performances are due on the assigned date. If you are scheduled to perform and are not prepared to do so, you **MUST** perform on the following day! If you put it off an additional day you will be marked down a full letter grade. Performances will not be accepted more than 2 days late and will receive zero. Some performances will be a group grade only, while some performances will have both group and individual grades.

Inappropriate speech and language usage are not only violations of the PCHS Code of Conduct but they are also offensive. The “Teapot Song” rule is in effect at all times. Failure to comply when caught in violation of this rule is considered Insubordination according to the PCHS Handbook and will be referred to Administration for action.

You will receive feedback on all work: comments, a check, or a letter grade. If not, see me ASAP and we’ll figure out what happened.

Extra credit is always encouraged: researching topics discussed in class, reports on relevant outside reading, ideas you might have to enrich the discussion, etc.

I am always available for extra help, either in my office or the theater. Talk to me before, during, or after class or contact me by the phone or email information on the other side (however, I prefer email as I check it all the time, even on weekends).

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I have read, understand, and agree to adhere to Mr. Roy’s attendance, grading, and classroom policies.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_