



Technical Theatre I Spain Park High School Eric St John 2017-2018

Course Description: Technical Theatre students work in the areas of set construction, lighting, sound, costumes, make-up and theatrical design. Tech classes build and provide technical support for theatre productions and other performing groups. Students must be able to work responsibly and independently.

Course Objectives:

- To learn the methods and techniques of theatrical designers and those responsible for making the various elements of theatre.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of safe and proper handling of a variety of tools used in scene construction.
- Safely construct and efficiently operate technical aspects of theater.
- Design and implement production schedules, stage management plans, promotional ideas, and business and front-of-house procedures for informal and formal theater.
- Analyze a variety of dramatic texts from cultural and historical perspectives to determine production requirements.
- To demonstrate the ability to set goals and follow through in a timely fashion.

During this year, we will learn a variety of techniques to create and support the illusion of theatre. We will experiment with materials and methods; I expect that we may gloriously fail at our efforts as often as we succeed. We are here to learn how to create a sense of wonder in our audiences. Light, paint, material, hard work and imagination- these are the materials we will use.

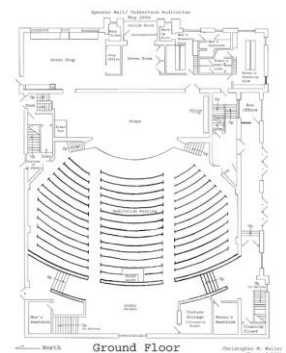
Evaluation: Grades will be based upon participation, tests, quizzes, homework, and projects.

Supplies: Loose-leaf paper, three-ring binder, pen (blue or black ink), pencil, ruler. **If we are working on set construction, you will need to wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty or paint-spattered.**

Discipline Procedure: For minor offenses, first time: student/teacher conference after class (in private); Second time: contact parent: Third time: referred to office. Please note: unsafe use of tools may be treated as a Class II offense.

Contact Information:

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Planning periods: **4th and 5th Periods**



Class Rules

1. Respect and be polite to all.
2. Bring needed materials to class- this includes a positive attitude.
3. Be in your seat and ready to begin when the bell rings.
4. Respect other people's property.
5. Follow all rules set forth by Spain Park High School and the Board of Education.
6. Safety is of the utmost importance- handles all tools and materials properly.

A Special Note Concerning Electronic Devices

Cell phones and other devices are not allowed in class- unless instructor permission is received first.

Beginning/Ending Class

We have limited time during the school day, and we will often have much work to do. Therefore, come in ready to work. You will have time at the end of class to collect your things and clean up, but keep in mind- **the bell does not dismiss class.**

On many days, you will be working with paint, adhesives, and other materials that can ruin clothes. It is highly recommended that you bring- and leave- coveralls or work clothes that you can *quickly* change into before working. Shortly after the beginning of the school year, an order will be placed for coveralls; you are invited to purchase a pair at that time. Coveralls are \$20 a pair.

Food, Drinks, and Gum

Simply put, these are not allowed.

Regarding backpacks, bags and purses: these are to be placed beneath your desk before the beginning of class. They are to stay there during class. Remove all needed supplies before class begins.

Homework

You will be assigned homework sometimes. This may include reports, drawings, outlines, models, *et cetera*. Make sure that your name, class (Tech Theatre), and the date are on your assignments. Late homework will be marked down one letter grade for each day late. When you type assignments, please double space, and use size 12 Times New Roman style font.

Exams and Quizzes

You will know well in advance of exams. Quizzes may come at any time. If you are absent, you may make up work only if the absence is excused.

Absences

You may make up work only if the absence is excused.

Important!!!

Over the course of this year, we will be working with a variety of materials and tools. Some of these will have an inherent danger to them. It is imperative that you behave in an adult fashion. Failure to do so will be dealt with severely. I will not allow you to put yourself or others in danger. Therefore, you must agree from this point forward to act as an adult.

Also, the tools and materials we use must be used multiple times. We must take care of them and be responsible when handling them. If you break something by being reckless, you will be responsible for replacing it.

Work Outside Class

Several times throughout the year, you will work on upcoming productions. Tech I students are expected to contribute four (4) hours per production. Hours may be worked during AO, after school, or on scheduled weekend work days. Students are responsible for arranging transportation if working outside school hours.

A Note to Parents/Guardians

My e-mail address is located on the first page of this syllabus, as is the school phone number. I ask that you provide a phone number and/or e-mail address at which you may be contacted. Please call, e-mail, or send a note with your student with any questions or suggestions you have, or if you wish to schedule a meeting.

[Notice to parents/guardians: This course requires that students work with inherently dangerous power tools, power saws and additional theatrical production equipment and supplies. Students must behave responsibly for their own safety and the safety of others.]

I have read and understand the material covered in this syllabus. The student agrees to follow all outlined procedures and rules.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please print name here

Parent/Guardian Phone

Parent/Guardian E-mail