

WELCOME TO SPEECH AND THEATRE CLASS!

Please read all explanations and expectations for our drama class along with a parent or guardian. You are accountable for all information printed here, as well as your contribution to our class "Safe Zone" agreement.

DAILY EXPECTATIONS:

- **PREPARED:** Come to class with materials and assignments.
- **ON TIME:** Arrive on time. (more than 3 unexcused tardies = detention time)
- **RESPONSIBLE:** Keep track of your things and communicate clearly. It is the students' responsibility to check with the teacher to determine missed assignments when absent from class for any reason.
- **ENERGIZED AND FOCUSED:** Be ready to give your best effort.
- **RESPECTFUL:** Conduct yourself in a manner that respects the rights of others and contributes to building class trust under the "Safe Zone" philosophy.

Materials:

You must have with you every day: drama folder, notebook paper, a writing tool, assignment notebook, and a charged laptop.

Tardiness:

Tardiness to class is unacceptable. If you are late, you must use the tardy book to sign in. After 3 unexcused tardies, a 20-minute detention is required to make up the time.

Photocopies:

Students will be given one copy of class handouts and assignments. If a student loses their assignment, another one will NOT be provided in paper form. Handouts will be posted on my public folder and may be electronically copied.

Substitute Policy:

If there is an occasion in which a substitute teacher is present, good behavior is especially important. Be a warm host to the visiting teacher. Treat them as a guest in your "home." If I receive a report that a particular student or class has been disruptive or disrespectful, the consequence is a detention after school. Repeated offenses will require a phone call home and more severe consequences.

D.E.A.R.

D.E.A.R. will happen every Thursday in Drama Class. Each student is required to bring their DEAR book to class. No one will be allowed to go to their locker to get their book, if forgotten. Points will be given to those who have their books and those points will be counted on the final semester grade.

Grading:

Participation 30%
Homework 20%
Quizzes and Tests 25%
Presentations 25%

Things that can affect your grade: DEAR points, if you are improving in your skills or not, daily work ethic, commitment to the Safe Zone, and willingness to follow both written and verbal directions.

90 – 100% = A; 80 – 89% = B; 70 – 79% = C; 60 – 69% = D; below 60 = F

YOU HAVE ENTERED
THE
SAFE ZONE!!!

Essential to the healthy operation of this drama class is our adherence to my “Safe Zone” policy.

It’s very important that all students feel secure that all other students will accept their efforts in drama, or else no one will want to risk looking weird or doing something that might be different of “uncool.” So, in order to allow all the students in the class to feel the necessary security to try new activities and express themselves in creative ways, everyone (that means YOU!) must contribute to creating an atmosphere of personal safety and security in the classroom.

You create a feeling of safety in the classroom in 2 important ways:

1. Emotional Safety

Be verbally and nonverbally supportive of any true efforts of your peers. Clap, congratulate, encourage, and respectfully accept the work of others. We all accomplish creative tasks differently and all have different skill backgrounds coming into class. Everyone’s efforts are appreciated here!

Negative criticism, name-calling, or inappropriate behavior that hurts another person’s feelings or self-esteem is never allowed. Only positively-worded feedback has a place in this class. Once negativity has poisoned the air, creativity and a willingness to take risks are destroyed for everybody—this is unacceptable and the hurtful person will be removed from the activity for the safety and security of all others.

2. Physical Safety

Drama activities can be fun and exciting, but control of our bodies and respect for the classroom and its functioning are of the utmost importance. We don’t want any injuries or accidents while we “play!”

Be aware of other people at all times and keep your body and its energy from hurting someone else.

Be aware of classroom furniture and the stage at all times. Respect it.

Be aware of the noise level. Instructions from the teacher of the office are vitally important. IF the noise level gets too loud, activities will be cut short.

OUR GOAL: CREATIVE EXPRESSION IN A SUPPORTIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT!

ONLY YOU CAN MAKE IT OR BREAK IT!

Please sign below, demonstrating your (and your parent or guardian’s) acknowledgement of class description and expectations and your personal commitment to upholding your daily contribution to creating “The Safe Zone” in Mrs. Roche’s class.

Print Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____