

Freeman High School Drama

Welcome to a new school year! I am so excited for what this year will bring for all of us. I look forward to the time we spend together, creating amazing creative experiences. As a member of our drama program, there are specific procedures that will be implemented this year:

- Theater Arts (Drama) is a PERFORMING ARTS class, **per state and national standards**. Every student in the class is required to participate in every activity, assignment, and performance. Not everyone will have a big part, but everyone WILL have a part. You cannot take this class, just expecting to work backstage during performance week.
- Every student will be expected to work backstage, as well as onstage.
- Always do your best. We all make mistakes, and acting/public speaking can be intimidating for some. In my class, this is a safe place to learn and make mistakes along the way.
- Respect others' efforts. It's fine to laugh at ourselves, but be sensitive to others when they make mistakes as well (we all do!).
- BE ON TIME. I will be taking attendance right after the tardy bell rings. You must be in class, seated, ready to go, or you will be marked tardy.
- No gum or food allowed. Water bottles are fine, in fact I encourage them, to stay hydrated.
- Take proper care of your scripts. You will be fined for lost or damaged materials.
- No one is allowed to leave class, at any time, without permission and a hall pass. If you do, you will lose participation points.
- We abide by the 10/10 rule. You may be excused with a pass 10 minutes after the tardy bell and 10 minutes before the end-of-class bell.
- Each student gets three hall passes each semester, per school policy
- Cell Phones: If I am working with you, there are NO cell phones.

With the above in mind, my grading policy will be the following:

Participation----50%

- Being punctual to class and ready to go when the bell rings
- Rehearsal etiquette: Being fully engaged in whatever we are doing (warm-ups, improv, readings, running lines, etc.)
- Staying in the classroom the whole time
- Not being disruptive to other students

Quizzes/Assessments-----20%

- There will be written quizzes on theater terminology, history, etc. as well as oral quizzes (memorized monologues, line-checks).

Performances-----30%

- Each member of Drama is equally important, and performances are mandatory.

Performance Dates:

- Wednesday, November 13: Fall Drama Production, 7:00 pm, HS MPR
- Thursday, November 14: Fall Drama Production, 7:00 pm, HS MPR
- Wednesday, May 13: Spring Drama Production, 7:00 pm, HS MPR
- Thursday, May 14: Spring Drama Production, 7:00 pm, HS MPR

These dates are also posted on my teacher website.

I am so excited for this year! I have high expectations, both of myself, and every person in our Drama class. Every student has a voice, and it is my goal to help each one find that voice, and to gain confidence in doing so.

Please fill out and sign the attached form, and return to me NO later than September 6. If turned in on time, you will receive 10 points.

Thank you!

Mrs. Stefani Peterson

Freeman Drama Expectations

I have read the above concerning our drama program, and understand the expectations and responsibilities.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Phone _____

Email _____