

NHS Theatre Arts Course Descriptions

Theatre Arts I & II (year-long course)

Theatre Arts is based on the Indiana Academic Standards for Theatre. Students enrolled in Theatre Arts read and analyze plays, create scripts and theatre pieces, conceive scenic designs, and develop acting skills. These activities incorporate elements of theatre history, culture, analysis, response, creative process, and integrated studies. Additionally, students explore career opportunities in the theatre, attend and critique theatrical productions, and recognize the responsibilities and the importance of individual theatre patrons in their community.

- Recommended Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, or 12
- Credits: a 1-semester course for 1 credit. The nature of this course allows for two successive semesters (Theatre Arts I and Theatre Arts II) of instruction at this level.
- Fulfills requirement for 1 of 2 Fine Arts credits for Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

Advanced Theatre Arts I & II (year-long course)

Advanced Theatre Arts is based on the Indiana Academic Standards for Theatre. Students enrolled in Advanced Theatre Arts read and analyze plays and apply criteria to make informed judgments. They draw on events and experiences to create scripted monologues and scenes, create scenic designs for existing plays, and build characters through observation, improvisation and script analysis. These activities should incorporate elements of theatre history, culture, analysis, response, creative process, and integrated studies. Additionally, students explore careers in theatre arts and begin to develop a portfolio of their work. They also attend and critique theatre productions and identify ways to support the theatre in their community.

- Recommended Grade Level: 10, 11, or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Theatre Arts I and II (L)
- Credits: a 1-semester course for 1 credit. The nature of this course allows for two successive semesters (Advanced Theatre Arts I and Advanced Theatre Arts II) of instruction at this level.
- Fulfills requirement for 1 of 2 Fine Arts credits for Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

Advanced Acting I & II (year-long course)

Advanced Acting is based on the Indiana Academic Standards for Theatre. Students enrolled in Advanced Acting research, create, and perform characters through script analysis, observation, collaboration, and rehearsal. These activities should incorporate elements of theatre history, culture, analysis, response, creative process, and integrated studies. Additionally, students explore career opportunities in the theatre by attending plays, meeting actors and discussing their work, and becoming theatre patrons in their community.

- Recommended Grade Level: 11 or 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Theatre Arts I and II (L) and Advanced Theatre Arts I & II
- Credits: a 1-semester course for 1 credit. The nature of this course allows for two successive semesters (Advanced Acting I and Advanced Acting II) of instruction at this level.
- Fulfills requirement for 1 of 2 Fine Arts credits for Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

Theatre Production (offered 1st semester)

Theatre Production is based on the Indiana Academic Standards for Theatre. Students enrolled in Theatre Production take on responsibilities associated with rehearsing and presenting a fully mounted theatre production. They read and analyze plays to prepare for production; conceive and realize a design for a production, including set, lighting, sound and costumes; rehearse and perform roles in a production; and direct or serve as assistant director for a production. These activities should incorporate elements of theatre history, culture, analysis, response, creative process, and integrated studies.

Additionally, students investigate a theatre arts career then develop a plan for potential employment or further education through audition, interview, or presentation of a portfolio. Students also attend and critique theatrical productions and volunteer to support theatre in their community.

- Recommended Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, or 12
- Credits: a 1-semester course for 1 credit. The nature of this course allows for two successive semesters (Theatre Production I and Theatre Production II) of instruction at this level, provided that defined standards are utilized.
- Fulfills requirement for 1 of 2 Fine Arts credits for Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

Technical Theatre (offered 2nd semester)

Technical Theatre is based on the Indiana Academic Standards for Theatre. Students enrolled in Technical Theatre actively engage in the process of designing, building, managing, and implementing the technical aspects of a production. These activities should incorporate elements of theatre history, culture, analysis, response, creative process, and integrated studies. Additionally, students explore career opportunities in the theatre, attend and critique theatrical productions, and recognize the responsibilities and the importance of individual theatre patrons in their community.

- Recommended Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, or 12
- Credits: a 1-semester course for 1 credit. The nature of this course allows for two successive semesters (Technical Theatre I and Technical Theatre II) of instruction at this level, provided that defined standards are utilized.
- Fulfills requirement for 1 of 2 Fine Arts credits for Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas

Skills Gained from All Theatre Courses & Extra-Curricular Opportunities:

public presentations	self-confidence
effective communication in peer-to-peer/group settings	time management
dependability/commitment in a group setting	initiative
cooperation & collaboration	leadership
creative problem solving	creative expression
independence/self-reliance	flexibility & adaptability
promptness & acceptance of rules & deadlines	and much, much more
ability to work under pressure	
respect for authority & peers	
acceptance of responsibility	
acceptance of disappointment—AND the ability to bounce back	
understanding that “just getting it done” isn’t enough	

Extra-Curricular Opportunities:

Fall Musical

Spring Play

Drama Club

Theatre Field Trips (including the Indiana State Thespian Conference—open to all NHS students)

International Thespian Society, Troupe #8118 (international honorary society for theatre students)

Thespian Competition Show

Speech Team

ComedySportz High School Improv Team

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