



## Golden Valley High School CTE Theater Syllabus 2018 - 2019



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### Welcome to Theater:

Already, you've demonstrated your brilliance by choosing this course. It also means that you are already incredibly creative or have an incredible amount of creativity locked away inside you that I shall unleash like the kraken! Theater is apart of the Arts, Media and Entertainment Pathway, is in most cases, an A-G course, provides internships and articulates with Merced College. CTE is geared to prepare you to work in an industry straight-out-of high school. Depending on how thoroughly you delve into these classes will determine how skilled you are for the industry. Theater is also an academic and scholarly field, therefore this pathway will also prepare you for a degree if you choose to pursue it! Likewise, as I myself did, you could work in the industry as you put yourself through school and obtain those degrees! Whether you want to be on stage/screen or behind the scenes, the entertainment industry is a broad and rich field that offers career opportunities for academic scholars, artisans, and industry specialists---the sky's the limit. My hope is that you enjoy yourself in this class and at the minimum walk away with speaking skills that will enhance the rest of your education and hopefully, your life. Let's have some fun!

### Theater is a Performance & Participation Based Class

**Theater 1** is exempt from mandatory after school productions

**Theater 2** is required to audition for, with the understanding that they may have to perform in (1) production per semester

**Theater 3** is required to Tech (1) production per semester

**Stagecraft** is required to either Tech or Act in (1) production per semester

**Theater 4** is required to attend all club meetings, participate in all fundraisers, audition for (1) show AND tech (1) show per year

Students may also fulfill this requirement through an internship and/or through community theater participation

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT, IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FORMALLY DISCUSS AN ALTERNATIVE WITH MS. KIRBY**

**Because** your grade is **BASED ON PERFORMANCE & PARTICIPATION** in class, you are required to perform and participate daily. This might mean a monologue in front of class, a game with all your peers, warm-up vocalizations or stretches, slide presentations, etc. Whether you are tech and stagecraft or acting and directing you will be expected to do some form of **PUBLIC SPEAKING**. This is just the nature of the course.

#### MEDICAL

If you have a medical reason for being unable to perform in front of your peers or participate in activities it is your responsibility to formally discuss this with Ms. Kirby. Students with formal medical excuses must present a note to the school nurse. A participation grade of 10 points is given each day. Students who are absent can make-up participation grades through extra credit (Drama Club Activities, Plays etc.).

#### CELL PHONE RULE

Due to FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Acts), **NO CELL PHONES ARE ALLOWED TO BE OUT IN CLASS**. Filming peers or "snapping" without explicit permission is a violation of FERPA. *(1st warning, 2nd greensheet and mediation, 3rd greensheet & IC, 4th yellowsheet and admin counsuel, etc)*

#### EXCEPTION:

On occasion, you will be asked to utilize your technology as a prop or resource, you may use it for the requested function but may not film unless given explicit permission. As well, myself and/or local media may take class pictures or film projects---this is done with parent permission as attached to this contract. If you do not want your image filmed or photographed in class, please check the "do not give permission" box in your contract below.

A detailed classroom policy & syllabus is provided in Google Classroom. As part of this contract, students are to review the syllabus presentation with their parent or guardian.

Follow this link to review: [tinyurl.com/gvtheaterSyllabus](http://tinyurl.com/gvtheaterSyllabus)  
[gvdrama.org](http://gvdrama.org) for club info and show dates

## **CLASSROOM    NORMS**

B-4 has a history of red fire ants. **PLEASE do not** bait them with food/sugary drinks etc left behind on the floor or counters. All drinks must have caps.

**Take pride** in your classroom and school by keeping it clean and well organized.

You are responsible for your **chair** and will stack it during the last 3 minutes of class prior to exiting.

**You** will be assigned to a **"shop crew"**. It is your responsibility to work together to maintain it.

**DO NOT TOUCH PROPS, COSTUMES, CRAFT SUPPLIES, POWER TOOLS, WIGS,** etc with out explicit permission and/or training.



**Failure to follow class norms will result in greensheet, mediation and/or parent contact per GVHS policy**

**Follow all the school rules and the Six Pillars of Cougar Pride:** trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

**Be a great audience.** Respect your peers performance by giving them all your attention. Public speaking is one of the greatest phobias out there . Support each other by refraining from talking to your neighbor, taking out your phone, sleeping, speaking out of turn and/or otherwise diminsioning your peers performance in anyway.

It goes without saying that Theater is **A SAFE SPACE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.** Therefore, **no bullying, hatespeech, heckling, or any other rude or personal comments are allowed for any reason at anytime.**

### **Grading Policy:**

<b>Formative Skills</b> (Daily particiaptions, warm-ups, games, group challenges, etc)	<b>50%</b>	<b>A+</b> <b>100%</b>	<b>C</b> <b>70 - 79</b>
<b>Summative Performance</b> (Projects, Performance, Exams, Portfolios, etc)	<b>40%</b>	<b>A</b> <b>90 - 99%</b>	<b>D</b> <b>60 - 69</b>
<b>Reflections</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>B</b> <b>80 - 89</b>	<b>F</b> <b>Below 60</b>

**Late Work Policy:**

Unverified late work will be **docked 20% of the value for every (1) day that it is late.** Therefore, an assignment worth 10 points will be worth only 8 on the following day and *STILL* subject to deductions based on quality and completeness.

### **Merced Union High School District**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read Ms. Kirby's syllabus with my child and have reviewed the presentation on Google Classroom. I understand my child's responsibilities and agree to support the above-mentioned rules and policies.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read Ms. Kirby's syllabus AND reviewed the presentation on Google Classroom AND I agree to abide the above-mentioned rules and policies.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PHOTOGRAPHY/PUBLICITY CONTRACT**

I understand that my student is participating in the theatrical arts and may be filmed or photographed during in-class productions by the Golden Valley Drama Department.

- **I do** \_\_\_\_\_
- OR--**
- **do not** \_\_\_\_\_

**Give permission** for photos of my student to be included in publicity material (show posters, flyers, tickets,local newspaper, twitter feed etc.) and/or posted on the Golden Valley Drama Department website.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_