



# Technical Theatre

Course Syllabus

Hopewell High School

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## Course Description

Technical Theatre is a course designed for students interested in the technical aspects of theatre. This course is an **extremely hands on experience** in which the students will have several practical application projects in which they will be working on technical work for productions in class.

## Course Objective

Students will learn the elements of both design and production in the following areas:

- Set
- Sound/Lights
- Costuming
- Make-up design
- Props
- Stage management
- Front of House

## Course Requirements

### Safety Test:

Per CMS policy, all Technical Theatre students must pass a safety test with a **90 or above** before they are allowed to handle any power tools, regardless of experience. Due to the schedule change policy here at Hopewell, Technical Theatre students must pass the safety test **within the first 10 days** of the school year. Failure to do so will result in a **mandated schedule change** out of Technical Theatre.

## **Tech Hours**

In addition to completing all assigned classwork, students enrolled in Beginning Technical Theatre will be required to complete **10 tech hours outside of class**. Students enrolled in Intermediate Technical Theatre will be required to complete **25 tech hours outside of class**. Students enrolled in Proficient Technical Theatre are required to **be a member of the production crew for at least one after school show in the Theatre season**. Tech hours can be awarded for any supervised technical work outside of class approved and supervised by the instructor. Examples of acceptable tech work for tech hours include:

- Staying after school on designated build days for productions
- Working other events in the Hopewell High School Auditorium
- Applying for a tech crew position for a production and working a production such as:
  - Ushering
  - Lights
  - Sound
  - Stage Crew
  - Stage Management
  - Costume work
  - Programs

In order to receive credit for tech hours, students must fill out a Tech Log sheet and it must be signed and turned in two weeks prior to the end of the course. Students who do not turn in the Tech Log will not receive credit for tech hours. All tech opportunities must be approved by the instructor.

## **Dress Code for Tech Theatre:**

Students will receive daily informal grades on participation based on a rubric provided by the instructor. Due to safety hazards, **no student will be allowed to participate without wearing close-toed shoes**. It is unsafe to work in a scene shop environment without proper footwear, so any student in open toed shoes will not receive participation credit for the day. Students may store shoes in their locker for class use. Sturdy tennis shoes are best.

## **Class Fee**

As with all Fine Arts classes, there is a class fee associated with Technical Theatre. The fee is \$15 per student and can be paid via Online School Payment found on the Hopewell website. From there simply choose the Drama/Theatre option and the funds will be immediately forwarded to the appropriate place. These fees go towards purchasing scripts, building materials, etc. necessary for Technical Theatre class. If you would like to make a donation of a consumable supply, see Ms. Allemond for details.

## Student Evaluation

Informal assessments: warm-ups, journal checks, quizzes, group work, in-class tasks, class participation, etc. 30% of quarter grade (school wide)

Formal assessments: tests, comprehensive writing assignments, projects, performances, etc. 70% of quarter grade (school wide)

**Late Work:** Students will receive a maximum 75% grade for work showing a concerted effort, if turned in by the beginning of the next class meeting. After this, late work showing concerted effort will receive a 50% grade if turned in prior to the first day of the published exam schedule for each quarter.

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### Hopewell Theatre Wish List

Link: <http://a.co/6cRkWWc>

The items on our Wish List are consumable things that we go through each year that I cannot get through typical means. We go through these materials for each production and any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

**Return this section to teacher:**

**Please read and sign below**

*I have read the information in the syllabus to include course objectives, course requirements, and policies. I fully understand what I'm expected to do in class. **I understand that I will be required to complete the correct amount of tech hours outside of class. I also understand that due to safety regulations, I will not be allowed to participate in Tech theatre class if I am not properly dressed, and that in order to remain in Tech Theatre class I must pass the safety test within the first 10 days of school.***

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

