



Liberty Middle School

281 Dock Murphy Drive, Madison, Alabama 35758

ADVANCED THEATRE Mrs. Harvard (& Ms. Evans)

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Page/3410 Schoology Link: Can be accessed through MCS account	
Required Texts and Other Instructional Materials	<i>No textbook assigned. Parents and guardians can access course content and other supplementary materials through the Schoology platform.</i>	
Course Description Fee: \$50	Semester / Full-Year course – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Students* <i>* Pre-requisite: Audition – Students must either audition and be approved with a one minute monologue, or obtain instructor approval to register.</i> Advanced Theatre will allow students to build upon foundations of vocal, kinesthetic, emotional, analytical, and intellectual elements of theatrical training through improvisation, dramatization, process-centered elements of dramatic performance, aesthetics, criticism, and history. In addition, this course will focus on one major production each year. School productions outside of school days/hours and some rehearsals will take place at the JCHS auditorium and will be mandatory. Students may also be required to participate in fundraising for the program. Alabama Fine Art Standards	
Course Objectives	At the conclusion of this class, students will be able to confidently perform for the public and will have grown in their theatrical skills.	
Course Outline <i>subject to change</i>	Unit 1 – Theatre Foundations Unit 2 – Movement / Expression Unit 3 – Genre: Musical Theatre Unit 4 – Genre: Comedy & Improv Unit 5 – Genre: Tragedy & Historical Unit 6 – Genre: Fairy Tale & Pantomime Unit 7 – Auditions & Character Study Unit 8 – Prod: Basics (Blocking, etc)	Unit 9 – Prod: Costuming & MakeUp Unit 10 – Prod: Sets, Props, & Such Unit 11 – Prod: Rehearsals & Tech Week Unit 12 – Performance: Fall Variety Show Unit 13 – Stage v. Screen Unit 14 – Monologues Unit 15 – Student Showcase
Classroom Expectations	1. Cell phones must be powered down and in a backpack from 8:15 am - 3:20 pm. 2. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. 3. Come prepared for class. Bring all necessary supplies 4. Respect your teacher, your classmates, and yourself. 5. If it's not yours, don't touch it. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. All students must follow the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct.	
Course Materials	Spiral notebook or 1-inch three ring binder. PLAY SCRIPT MUST BE REPLACED IF LOST OR DAMAGED. Some costume pieces may be required. Base makeup will be purchased and maintained by each student.	

Course Materials (continued)	Chromebooks will only be used when necessary in the lesson, for quizzes, or as a tool in completing an activity. Students will be writing by hand whenever possible. Craft supplies will be provided as needed. Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices & using their MCS accounts.
Technology & Cell Phone / Digital Device Procedures	Effective July 1, 2025, the use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communications Devices including but not limited to cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, pagers, gaming devices, smart watches, earphones or headphones in school buildings or on school grounds during the Instructional Day, is prohibited. Violation of Board policy with respect to such use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communication Devices may constitute a Class II. Madison City Schools has outlined an Electronic/Wireless Device Policy (Policy 6.20) on page 137 of the MCS Policy Manual. Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices and using their MCS accounts.
Progressive Discipline	Liberty Middle School Classroom Management Plan: Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference with parent notification Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention Step 5: Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses (Madison City Schools Code of Conduct) Exception: Students who are disrespectful or insubordinate to a substitute teacher will receive a call home and automatic detention.
Grading Policy (MCS Policy)	60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)
Late Work Policy	<i>Late work will be accepted until the end of each unit.</i> <i>Students will need to fill out and attach the Late Work slip to their work before placing it in the labeled basket.</i> <i>Once final grades are posted, all zeroes for missing work will be final.</i>
Make-up Work / Test Policy	Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests).
Homework	Mrs. Harvard will be utilizing class time for all assignments and activities. Students will only have homework if they fail to complete the work within their allotted class time, or after an absence. When working toward performances, students are encouraged to rehearse outside of school as well as during class.
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	Please read the syllabus in its entirety. Please also sign the Parent and Student Acknowledgement Form sent home with your student. By signing the Signature Page, the student and parent acknowledge understanding and agreement of the policies, procedures, and expectations of the Liberty Middle School Theatre program.

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