

# Acting - Syllabus

Instructor: Joshua Woods

Room #: 305

Year: 2023-2024

Course Name and Title: Acting

Supplementary Texts or Special Materials: NA

## Course Description:

**Acting I** - Introduces the acting process and the role of the actor in various styles/methods with a focus on scene study. Stresses developing imagination, observation, concentration powers, and self-discipline. Includes developing physical and vocal control while transmitting emotions, convictions, and ideas; enhances self-confidence and self-awareness. Theatre is used as a means to encourage cooperative learning, teamwork, organization, and leadership skills. **The class allows all students the opportunity to perform on a regular basis.**

## Course Outline and Content:

**Unit 1** – Character Development and Analysis

**Unit 2** – Physicality and Movement

**Unit 3** – Voice and Speech

**Unit 4** – Scene Study

**Unit 5** – Classical Theatre

**Unit 6** – Contemporary Theatre

**Unit 7** – Musical Theatre

**Unit 8** – Improvisation and Spontaneity

**Unit 9** – Audition Techniques and Monologues

**Unit 10** – Acting for the Camera

**Unit 11** – Culminating Performance

## Special Assignments and Projects:

### **Class assignments include, but are not limited to:**

- Written and verbal responses to passages and readings
- Performance of a memorized scene or monologue
- Performance of a musical theatre piece or pieces
- Attendance of a local theatre performance\*
- **Required** participation in the Student One Act Plays (SOAPs) performances\*\*

\*Students enrolled in advanced theatre courses (Acting, Technical Theatre, Advanced Drama) are required to attend one (1) local theatre performance ***that is NOT produced by the Woodland cluster***. Some examples of local theatre groups include:

- The Henry Players (<https://henryplayers.com/>)
- The Front Porch Players (<https://thefrontporchplayers.com/>)
- Other HCS Theatre Programs
- The Alliance Theatre (<https://www.alliancetheatre.org/>) ([FREE Alliance Tickets](#))
- The Fox Theatre (<https://www.foxtheatre.org/>)

Upon attending the production, the student must

- a. present a program or ticket stub
- b. complete a post-viewing reflection.

\*\*Students in Acting and Technical Theatre are required to participate in the Student One Act Plays (SOAPs) performances. This performance counts as the student's final examination in the course and will count towards 20% of their final grade.

### **Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures:**

**To ensure an optimum learning environment, please adhere to the following WHS Student Non-Negotiables:**

- Be in class on time
- Be prepared for class and ready to learn before the bell rings
- Dress for success – follow the dress code
- Refrain from eating in the classroom
- Hats and headgear should be removed upon entering the building
- Technology use is at the discretion of each teacher
- Use appropriate language in the building
- Everything A.C.E.S.

### **Make-up Work Policies:**

Please refer to page 10 of the Henry County Student Handbook.

### **Grading Requirements (semester grading):**

Participation (examples include active participation in classwork and in group activities): 40%

Assessment Tasks (examples include monologues, assignments, quizzes, and post-viewing reflection): 40%

Final Performance (SOAPs): 20%

### **Academic Integrity Policy:**

Academic integrity is a fundamental value of quality education; therefore, Woodland High School will not tolerate any acts of cheating, plagiarism, or falsification of school work. Should it be determined that an academic integrity violation has taken place, the school reserves the right to assign a grade of zero and submit a disciplinary referral to the appropriate Assistant Principal. The school also reserves the right to remove or suspend enrollment in any Advanced Placement/Honors classes as well as Academic Honor Societies.

### **Materials Needed:**

**Students will need a notebook (spiral or composition). Additionally, students will need a CHARGED Chromebook each day.**

### **Technology Information:**

If you experience technical issues, please use the launchpad to access Technology Services Incident IQ to report your issue.

