

DRAMA 1
Course Expectations
Mrs. Miller

Your grade in this course is a **non-comparative grade**, which means that your efforts and skills are not compared to others in the class to determine your grade. I will evaluate your participation level based on the effort and skills you bring to the first class, then observe how you further develop these skills. To me, a good ensemble participant is someone who gives of themselves in their work, takes creative risks, and is a **TEAM PLAYER**. Someone who doesn't try as hard as they can at the given task and sits back while the rest of the group works on material is *not* a good ensemble participant. Please remember as the year goes on that the majority of your grade is based on your participation level in class, as well as your own personal development of theatre arts skills.

Your grade will be based on the following criteria:

Participation

- Seriousness of effort**
- Risk-taking**
- Productive use of class time**
- Playing a variety of roles: both comic and serious**

Critiquing/Feedback/Audience Skills

- Participating in the critique process**
- Demonstrating a positive critique style**
- Responding to audience criticism/feedback**
- Audience decorum (behavior)**

Group Work

- Peer support and group interaction**
- Ability to work with others**
- Ability to work independently**
- Courtesy and cooperation**
- Punctuality**

Homework/Group Projects

- Homework assignments**
- Group presentations and projects**
- Final project**

You are expected to:

- *Critique group work with positive, supportive, and critical feedback
- *Participate in all activities, exercises and warm-ups
- *Give your full attention to the work of others
- *Work with every student in the class
- *Arrive on time to class
- *Demonstrate appropriate stage behavior
- *Have fun, take chances, laugh at yourself, and be a team player 😊

Homework:

You will be given a variety of homework assignments each quarter. They will be focused on playwriting; we will go over scriptwriting format in class. The assignments will be graded on content as well as on length, and will be worth a specified amount of points.

Assignments turned in late will be downgraded points per day.

In addition, there will be group projects, in-class assignments, and a final project will be assigned at the end of the course.

Grading:

Homework	25%
In-class participation (graded on the given criteria)	75%

Materials:

One folder to keep all handouts and assignments in.

Classroom Guidelines:

1. This is an artistic class where self-expression is welcome and encouraged. But please be careful when creating scenes so as not to hurt or offend anyone else in the class.
Ridiculing people on stage just for the laugh is not tolerated. Neither is any type of hate language.
2. If you ever feel uncomfortable because of ANY material that is being discussed or created in class, please speak up. If you would rather talk to me in private about it, that is absolutely fine as well.