



## **Introduction to Theatre Arts 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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**Team:** Exploratory  
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Theatre is a chance for you to improve your self-confidence, to grow as a communicator, and problem solver, and to become part of a group that feels like family. Whether you want to be center stage or back stage, you will learn to appreciate the art of creating a play.

### **Course and Curriculum Information:**

The Intermediate theatre arts student is expected to achieve a proficient level of mastery and understanding in audience etiquette and performance evaluation. Additionally, each student will actively participate in one or all of the following activities:

- set design and implementation
- physical and emotional representation
- public performance
- character development and analysis with monologue and duet performance
- critical evaluations of productions
- peer direction

### **Materials**

Students are expected to bring a smile and an open mind to class every day. I will provide daily materials such as a pencil or highlighter. Sometimes you will be asked to bring in random things to create puppets, costumes or props. If you need any help with these, see me and I will make sure you have what you need.

### **Grading Policies**

These policies are addressed in the student handbook. Please review them and contact your child's campus or teacher for clarification as needed.

#### **Weighting of Grades**

Grades in Theatre Arts are weighted according to the following scale:

Daily Work:	50%
Quizzes/Tests/Projects:	40%
Respectful participation:	10%

**Each 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will perform one evening play. The date will be announced as soon as possible.**

**Late Work Policy**

For work submitted after the due date given in class, the following policy will apply:

- 1 class day late: grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 10 points
- 2 class days late: grade may be reduced up to a maximum of 20 points
- 3 class days late: grade may be reduced up to 30 points (or teacher discretion)
- Late work will not be accepted after 3 class days.

**Retake Policy:**

Students who fail a major test/assessment (below 70%) will be allowed to retake or correct up to a 70% grade. Students will have to make arrangements with the teacher to retake or correct a major test/assessment. Students have one week after tests/assessments are returned to do retakes or corrections. Students are encouraged to attend tutorials.

**Tardies, Absences, & Missed Work**

Students are encouraged to be responsible for collecting work from each teacher after an absence or. Extra copies will be made available, if needed. Students have one extra day for each day they were absent to complete a missed assignment. Arrangements for taking a missed test or quiz must be made with the teacher.

**Academic Dishonesty**

These policies are addressed in the student handbook. Please review them and contact your child's campus or teacher for clarification as needed.

**Resources****Parents**

Parents are encouraged to set up an account on Skyward, the district's grade reporting site. Grades are updated weekly by teachers. This portal enables parents to monitor their own students' grades during the school year. You may obtain your login/password from the school registrar or secretary. Then go to [www.mansfieldisd.org](http://www.mansfieldisd.org) and click on the Skyward icon. Follow directions for setting up a parent account.

**Students**

Tutoring, enrichment classes, library resources, and monitored internet research will be available to students. Before or after school help may be available by advance appointment. Check with the teacher about these options.