

Theatre Course Offerings

High School Theatre (beginning offerings in bold)

Theatre Arts 1

*Confidence, Creativity, Collaboration,
Improv, Acting,, Directing, Playwriting*

Technical Theatre 1

*Lighting, Sound, Costumes, Set, Makeup,
Publicity, etc.*



Theatre Arts Courses, grades 10-12

Theatre Arts 2

Theatre Arts 3

Theatre Arts 4

Technical Theatre 2

Technical Theatre 3

Technical Theatre 4

IB Theatre SL & HL

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7 Reasons YOU should take a Theatre Class

Adapted from *Raising the Curtain* by Gai Jones

1. Theatre builds self-confidence: According to *Psychology Today* magazine, speaking in front of people is the number-one fear of most Americans. We call it “stage fright”. Everyone has it. Working in a theatre class can help overcome that fear.

2. Theatre teaches group dynamics: Theatre is a communal experience. It is the kind of work that involves taking responsibility, interacting with others, solving problems creatively, and accepting team challenges. In theatre, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

3. Theatre nurtures time management and grace under pressure: All theatrical productions are, in effect, mini-corporations targeted toward the completion of a project within a specific time frame and budget. Deadlines, personality clashes and frustrations are a given—they must be handled gracefully.

4. Theatre develops specific tangible skills: Among these skills are voice training, movement, carpentry, painting, drafting, engineering, architecture, sewing, interior design, makeup and hair design, stage combat, and much more.

5. Theatre offers a broad education: In the theatre, you work with everything you’ve got—mind, body and heart. Theatre calls for all of them to function as one.

6. Theatre fosters creativity: It is a chance to dream and live in a different time and space. One enters an imaginary world and explores the realities of other characters and situations.

7. Finally: theatre is fun . We NEED fun to be balanced, happy individuals!



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Theatre Arts
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Public Schools

Become a Better YOU!

- Be Engaged
- Be Persistent
- Be Confident
- Be Tolerant



Collaborate With Others

- Develop Empathy
- Find Your Strengths
- Become a Leader
- Realize Your Goals
- Determine How to Reach Them!

"The arts can help students become tenacious, team-oriented problem solvers who are confident and able to think creatively."

~Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education

STUART DRAMA

"Theatre is life without the boring parts." – Alfred Hitchcock

The Stuart Drama Department involves students at all grade levels in a wide range of credited classes as well as extracurricular activities. The department strives to provide students with a safe, professional, positive working environment in which to explore the many elements of Theatre Arts. Classes are all highly participatory and engage the whole student – voice, body, intellect, imagination, heart.

Participating in Theatre Arts classes and extracurricular activities gives students a fun and challenging way to develop professional and personal skills. The department programs guide students to be articulate communicators, effective collaborators, creative problem solvers, wise risk takers, motivated innovators and more. Stuart Drama aims to give students experiences that develop skills in high demand in the 21st Century work place and our rapidly changing world.

"I regard theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being." Thornton Wilder



Theatre Makes You Smarter

- Educational Testing Service notes that students of theatre perform better in both English and Math S.A.T.'s.
- "Good enough" is never good enough. Artists always revise toward excellence.
- Motivated learners succeed!

Theatre Opportunities

Our students have the opportunity to do, create, express. Here are just a few:

- Perform in shows. Stuart produces a Musical, a Play and a Competition One-Act each year.
- Become a Techie: Technical opportunities include building sets, electrics and lighting, sound design, costumes and many others.
- Attend Conferences and learn from the pros:
 - Virginia Theatre Association
 - Virginia International Thespian
- Join the club! International Thespian Society (an academic honor society).
- Tap your inner comedian: Stuart Improv Troupe attends competitions throughout the district
- Direct your own play, or even write one. Directing and playwriting opportunities exist for interested students.