

# Theatre Department

## BOX ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

Productions Company  
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### **Course Description**

This course is designed as an advanced theatre course. It is an in-depth look at several of the aspects of theatre through production and performance. Students will explore ensemble theatre, musical theatre and theatre production. Much class time will be spent in preparation for class productions and region/state theatre competitions. We will discover, through our study of theatre, how to better present ourselves, broaden our talents, and work as a team and to improve our communication with our peers. Students will be expected to perform inside and outside of class in groups and on their own. This class will have numerous rehearsals (some early morning and some afterschool) and numerous performances beyond class time. Short clips from various media will be used to demonstrate areas of curriculum. Students will discover, through their study of theatre, how to better present themselves and improve communication with their peers.

### **Materials Needed Daily**

- Notebook for taking notes and/or quizzes
- Any assignment due that day
- Pen/pencil
- Positive attitude
- Energy
- Clothing you can move in

### **Costumes**

You will be expected to provide costumes and costuming elements for the various class productions.

### **Classroom expectations**

#### **Be punctual**

This includes punctually attending class and going to the restroom between class periods, in addition to timely completion of activities and assignments.

#### **Be prepared**

This includes choosing to learn. You are expected daily to bring needed materials and assignments. You will also need to dress appropriately for class by wearing clothing that easily allows movement.

#### **Be Respectful**

You and your classmates have a right to learn and the instructor has a right to teach. Listen and follow the directions of the instructor and maintain honesty and integrity in all of your dealings, plagiarism will not be tolerated.

#### **Be Positive**

Always give 100%. Display a positive attitude by fully participating in every activity, and excellence effort in every performance is expected.

Compliance with the above expectations will lead to a successful experience for everyone in the classroom. Failure to meet the expectations will affect your grade, citizenship, and possible removal from class.

## **Important Dates**

Trauma Conference	September 16
Hunchback	November 9,10,11,13,17,18
Utah Theatre Conference	January 18-20
Look in a Book Literacy Outreach Project	Jan, February January 26,29
Team Showcase	March 23
Region Individual Events	March 24
Region One Act Play	March 28
State Theatre	April 19-21
Final Project	May 12, 14
Productions Final Party	May 30

## **Grading**

Up to 5 rehearsal points can be earned each day through: actively listening and/or watching, participating in group or solo work, and respecting others ideas and abilities. This is assessed through weekly learning responses . In addition to daily work, points will be earned for taking notes, completing assignments, quizzes, tests and performances. The points will be converted to percentages and the percentages will be assigned a letter grade according to the school grading policy. All assignments are due at the beginning of the period the day specified. Please check grades online regularly so we can fix errors or mistakes in a timely manner.

## **Citizenship**

Citizenship is done according to BE policy and is separate from your letter grade.

## **Make up Work**

- Missed work must be made up within one week.
- The same 1 week rule applies to missed tests.
- You are responsible to find out what was missed.

Often when you are absent, there is no way to make up the activities, discussions and interactions that took place. In case an alternative assignment will be given. You are strongly encouraged to use your BEE time wisely to make up work or get additional help.

## **The following requirements need to be met to successfully complete this course**

- Successful completion of all class assignments and participation in daily activities
- Attendance and participation in all class production rehearsals
- Attendance and participation in all class productions
- Completion of learning blog entries
- See or read two plays a trimester and submit 2 play reports

## **What is a Learning Response?**

These responses will be thoughtful written reflection and connections to rehearsals, articles, discussions, playwriting or ensemble driven creations.

## **How to do a Play Report**

You are to see or read two plays a trimester. These do not include the plays we see or read as a class. Each play report is worth 100 points

In order to do a proper report on a performance, this report must be turned in within a week of the performance. If the report is not turned in by the deadline, it will be worth half credit.

Be sure to follow the report guidelines posted on [behstheate.weebly.com](http://behstheate.weebly.com)

One play will be included on the midterm grade (due the Friday before midterm) and the second will be added for the final trimester grade (due the Friday before the quarter ends.) I will inform you of any new productions being performed in our area and all the show details.

**Questions and Problems:**

Many questions can be answered by looking at behstheatre.weebly.com. If an additional question or problem arises, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I cannot attempt to fix a problem or answer a question if I do not know that one exists. Also, I need to know about the problem while there is still time to correct it. Calling the last day of the trimester will not fix many issues.

**How to contact Mrs. Day:**

Students: BEE time provides an excellent opportunity for questions and extra assistance. Before and after school is often a difficult time to reach me due to auditorium events or rehearsals for productions, so e-mail is a great form of communication. Please email me with any questions. **Melanie.Day@besd.net**.

Parents: Please use the email provided above as well. If you need to speak to me, please call the school and leave your name, the student's name, and the numbers where you can be reached. I will do my best to return your calls and email as soon as possible. An open line of communication is very important.

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5**

**Student's Name**  
**(Printed neatly)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Period**                      **Productions Company First Trimester**

I have thoroughly reviewed the disclosure statement for the Mrs. Day's class. I am aware of and will support the academic grading standards, citizenship grading standards, and classroom policies and expectations as described. I am keeping the descriptive portion of the statement for future reference.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents contact information

Email address \_\_\_\_\_