



Indian River Charter High School

Acting I Syllabus 2017-18 – Becoming a Performer

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Introduction

Acting I is an introductory acting course intended to build a foundation for a beginning actor. Students in this course will focus on movement, projection and stage presence. Students should take this course to improve self-confidence, public speaking abilities and personal presence. This course must be taken as a prerequisite to the other acting classes. Please note that some pieces of dramatic art are mature in nature. All scripts are edited for content, but some mature themes may be addressed. This course is not only to introduce students to acting, but to re-introduce students to themselves, helping them to come to the conclusion that they can be no one but themselves. This is a two (2) semester course.

Objectives

Each student will be introduced to and participate in the various elements that are involved in theatre arts:

1. Breaking down inhibitions (silencing the voice)
2. Building a company (the actors creed)
3. Rethinking the skills involved in being an actor (changing misconceptions about theatre as an art)
4. Voice for the actor (breathing, projection and control)
5. Movement for the actor (basics of blocking)
6. Basic Technique (the tools of creating a character)
7. Personal presentation (how to audition)
8. Scene study (duet or ensemble acting)
9. Monologue study (solo performance)
10. Show production and presentation (showcase)



Schedule

The first month of the course is dedicated to breaking inhibitions, movement, voice and company building. The remainder of the course will focus on scene study. The second semester focuses more on monologues and auditioning. Upon completion of this course, students are free to take Acting II or audition for Comp Theatre. The Acting I Scene & Monologue Showcase will be towards the end of the second semester. More details about the showcase will be sent home as the event approaches.

Supplies

Students are required to bring their script and a pencil to every class. Students should also wear clothes that allow for movement.

Responsibilities & Assessment

-Students will be held accountable to all rules and regulations as listed in the Indian River Charter High School Student Handbook. **Students are required to perform** (act) in short pieces in this course. The performance assessment of their scene and monologue is 75% of their grade. Students who are unable and/or unwilling to perform publically should not take this course. Students in this course may opt to have a mentor in the acting program. If a student chooses to do so, this "big" is typically a Comp Student who has been in the theatre program for two or more semesters and is able to help them navigate our growing theatre program.

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After reading and signing, please detach this slip and return it to the instructor on August 25th

Students Name _____ Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

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