

Beach Haven School District

Theater Curriculum

Grades K-6

Theater Arts K-2

Content Area	Theatre Arts	Grade Level	K-2
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Standard	Grade Level Expectations (GLE)
1. Create	1. Identify basic elements of theatre and describe their use in a variety of theatrical performances. 1.1.2.C.1
	2. Express stage directions, areas of the stage, basic stage movements, and parts of a script using correct theatre terms (e.g., setting, costumes, plot, theme, etc.). 1.1.2.C.2
2. Perform	1. Distinguish between character, actors, and the self by demonstrating respect for personal space, creative movement, and pantomime skills while interacting with others in creative drama and storytelling. 1.1.2.C.3
	2. Distinguish between characters, actors, and the self by demonstrating respect for personal space, creative movement and pantomime skills while interacting with others in creative drama and storytelling. 1.1.2.C.3
3. Critically Respond	1. Observe the basic arts elements in performances and exhibitions and use them to formulate objective assessments of artworks in theatre. 1.4.2.B.1
	2. Apply the principles of positive critique in giving and receiving response to performances. 1.4.2.B.2

Unit Titles	Length of Unit/Contact Hours
Fundamentals and Basics of Theatre	2 weeks/ongoing
Creative Expression	2 weeks/ongoing
Historical and Cultural Context	2 weeks/ongoing
Aesthetic Valuing	2 weeks/ongoing

<p>Content Area: Theatre</p>	<p>Essential Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does observing people help you create characters? 2. How do actors move to express an emotion? 3. How are costumes different from everyday clothes 4. What are the similarities between your family and families found in stories? 5. Do all stories have a beginning, middle and end structure? 6. Why is plot important to a story? 7. Why are props important? 8. What makes theatre a unique experience? 9. Why is stage space necessary? 10. How does a performer’s vocal quality and movement convey a message about a character? 11. Why is it necessary to look at different perspectives of a story? 12. How are performer’s impacted by feedback? 13. How can different members of an audience have different reactions to a dramatization? 14. When might a critic allow their feelings to impact how they evaluate a dramatization? 15. Why are there so many plots that revolve around community and family stories?
<p>Interdisciplinary Connections</p>	<p>Respond to dramatic performances while developing and understanding, calling upon acquaintance with theatre based vocabulary and reference to works from a variety of cultures and historical periods. Perceive theatre performances from a structural, historical, cultural and aesthetic</p>

	<p>perspectives. Understand how various types of theatre skills and styles are related.</p>
<p>Core Instructional Materials including digital tools</p>	<p>Scripted works as needed Facility with open space and stage Props as needed</p>
<p>21st Century Themes and Skills</p>	<p>(9.2) For information related to the 12 Career Ready Practices follow the link below. http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2014/career/CareerReadyPractices.pdf CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation. CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. CRP12. Work productively in teams while using culture global competence.</p>
<p>8.1 Educational Technology 8.2 Technology Education, Engineering, Design, and Computational Thinking - Programming</p>	<p>For NJ Technology Standards 8.1 and 8.2 follow the link below. http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/2014/tech/8.pdf 8.1.2.A.2 : Create a document using a word processing application. 8.1.2.A.4: Demonstrate developmentally appropriate navigation skills in virtual environments. 8.11.2.C.1: Engage in a variety of developmentally appropriate learning activities with students in other classes, schools, or countries using various media formats such as online collaborative tools, and social media.</p>

	8.1.2.D.1: Digital Citizenship
Assessments	<p>Formative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teacher Observation ● Imitate or create people, creatures, or things based on observation using body and facial expression ● Demonstrate the ability to follow a simple set of steps in a dramatic task. ● Use body and voice to demonstrate knowledge of holidays and other cultural events. <p>Summative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Retell through drama and voice the plot of a short story and highlight the beginning, middle and end using movement and voice. Use appropriate theatre vocabulary to critique a live performance ● Improvise to create original characters and environments from an existing work such as a fairy tale, folk tale, or story. <p>Benchmark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Describe the difference between theatre and real life <p>Alternative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group Presentation with rubric
Differentiation/Accommodations/Modifications	
Gifted and Talented: (content, process, product and learning environment)	

Extension Activities

Conduct research and provide presentation of cultural topics.

Debate topics of interest / cultural importance.

Authentic listening and reading sources that provide data and support for speaking and writing prompts.

Exploration of art and/or artists to understand society and history.

Anchor Activities

Use of Higher Level Questioning Techniques

Provide assessments at a higher level of thinking

English Language Learners

Modifications for Classroom

Modifications for Homework/Assignments

Modified Assignments

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Highlight key vocabulary

Use graphic organizers

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Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments.

Repetition and and practice

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1. Create	1. Create original plays using script-writing formats that include stage directions and technical theatrical elements, demonstrating comprehension of elements of theatre and story construction. - 1.3.5.C.1
	2. Assess the application of the elements of art and principles of design in dance, music, theatre, and visual artworks using observable, objective criteria. - 1.4.5.B.1
2. Perform	1. Demonstrate how active listening skills, vocal variety, physical expression, stage business, sensory recall, concentration, and focus affect meaning in scripted and improvised performances. - 1.3.5.C.2
	2. Demonstrate how art communicates ideas about personal and social values and is inspired by an individual's imagination and frame of reference (e.g., personal, social, political, historical context). - 1.4.5.A.3
3. Critically Respond	1. Interpret the relationship between the physical and vocal choices and an audience's perception of character development by identifying examples of vocal variety, stage business, concentration, and focus. - 1.1.5.C.2
	2. Evaluate the characteristics of a well-made play in a variety of scripts and performances. - 1.1.5.C.1
	3. Explain the function of sensory recall and apply it to character development. - 1.1.5.C.4
	4. Analyze the use of technical theatrical elements to identify how time, place, mood, and theme are created. - 1.1.5.C.3
	5. Recognize works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art as a reflection of societal values and beliefs. - 1.2.5.A.1

	6. Make informed aesthetic responses to artworks based on structural arrangement and personal, cultural, and historical points of view. - 1.4.5.A.2
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How does your voice change when your feelings change?

How does your breath change as your emotions change?

What do you need to know about a character before you can bring him or her to life?

What would you like your audience to know about your character?

What is a believable character?

How can changing one's enunciation, projection, diction, and tone impact the way the

audience sees the character?

How different stage and body positions impact the image that is being created?

Why do drama and theater practitioners use stage directions?

Why are stage directions important?

How does the audience's response to a performance alter the way it is performed?

What makes a story dramatic?

What elements are essential in making a good drama?

What knowledge is necessary to design a scene?

How does one develop appropriate criteria to critique?

Why is feedback important?

How can you use feedback as a helpful tool?

How has theater impacted historical events?

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Theater Arts Grade 6

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Standard	Grade Level Expectations (GLE)
Create	1. Map historical innovations in theatre that were caused by the creation of new technologies. - 1.1.8.C.1
	2. Create short dramatizations in selected styles of theatre, such as: melodrama, vaudeville, and musical theatre. - 1.3.8.C.1, 1.3.8.C.2
Perform	1. Participate in improvisational and/or scripted activities, demonstrating an understanding of theatrical skills and context. -1.3.8.C.1, 1.3.8.C.2
	2. Determine the effectiveness of various methods of vocal, physical, relaxation, and acting techniques used in actor training. - 1.1.8.C.2
Critically Respond	1. Analyze the structural components of a variety of plays and performances from different cultures and different eras. - 1.1.8.C.1
	2. Differentiate the theatrical traditions of cultures across the world. - 1.4.8.A.3
	3. Interpret symbolism and metaphors in various works. - 1.4.8.A.5
	4. Explain how cultural influences affect the content or meaning of works of theatre. - 1.4.8.A.1
	5. Identify examples of how theatre, television, and film can influence or be influenced by politics and culture. - 1.1.8.D.1
	6. Differentiate among vocal rate, pitch, and volume, and explain how they affect articulation, meaning, and character. - 1.1.8.C.3

	7. Define the areas of responsibility (e.g., actor, director, producer, scenic, lighting, costume, stagehand, etc.) and necessary job skills of the front and back-of-house members of a theatre company. - 1.1.8.C.4
	8. Evaluate the effectiveness of a work of art by differentiating between the artist's technical proficiency and the work's content or form. - 1.4.8.B.1

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<p>Content Area: Theater</p>	<p><u>Essential Questions</u></p> <p>What roles are integral in composing and performing theater productions?</p> <p>How do social, cultural, geographical, and historical elements influence theater?</p> <p>How do vocal attributes affect elements of the theater piece?</p> <p>How do character traits and feelings impact an actor's performance?</p> <p>What are the varying purposes of theater?</p> <p>How do styles, trends, and movements vary across cultures and historical eras?</p> <p>How do shifts in societal norms, beliefs, or values impact messages and themes in theater?</p> <p>What elements should be considered in critiquing the effectiveness of a work or performance?</p>
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Establish procedures for accommodations / modifications for assessments.

Students at Risk for School Failure

The students' needs will be addressed on an individual and grade level using a variety of modalities.

Modifications for the Classroom

Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations

Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments.

Repetition and and practice

Model skills / techniques to be mastered.

Extended time to complete class work

Provide copy of class notes

Preferential seating to be mutually determined by the student and teacher

Student may request to use a computer to complete assignments.

Establish expectations for correct spelling on assignments.

Extra textbooks for home.

Student may request books on tape / CD / digital media, as available and appropriate.

Assign a peer helper in the class setting

Provide oral reminders and check student work during independent work time

Assist student with long and short term planning of assignments

Encourage student to proofread assignments and tests

Provide regular parent/ school communication

Teachers will check/sign student agenda daily

Student requires use of other assistive technology device

Modifications for Homework and Assignments

Extended time to complete assignments.

Student requires more complex assignments to be broken up and explained in smaller units, with work to be submitted in phases.

Provide the student with clearly stated (written) expectations and grading criteria for assignments.

Implement RAFT activities as they pertain to the types / modes of communication (role, audience, format, topic).

Modifications for Assessments

Extended time on classroom tests and quizzes.

Student may take/complete tests in an alternate setting as needed.

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