

NAVO MIDDLE SCHOOL



2019-2020

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INTRODUCTION

Dear NMS Theatre Parents & Students,

Welcome to 2019-2020 Theatre Arts 1 here at Navo Middle School. We are so excited to begin the school year with you! This school year each student will be engaging in a variety of performing opportunities and learning the concepts associated with this exciting field. To help ease these two semesters along we are listing the rules and procedures that will be expected in the classroom. The standards that both we as a department and Navo Middle School holds in regards to grading policies, make up work, and absences will also be included. Please read through the following handbook thoroughly. Students will need to bring the contract pages attached to the back of this packet to class no later than Friday, August 23th. Both student and parent signatures are needed. Thank you for your cooperation, and interest in theatre. It is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Robert Corey Cox and Lauren Champion

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Mr. Cox

Period 1 8:15 - 9:02 *THEATRE TWO*
Period 2 9:06 - 9:53 *THEATRE TWO*
Period 3 9:57 - 10:44 *THEATRE THREE*
Period 4 11:22 - 12:09 *THEATRE TWO*
Period 5 12:13 - 1:00 *THEATRE TWO*
Period 6 1:04 - 1:51 *THEATRE THREE*
Period 7 1:55 - 2:42 *THEATRE THREE*
Period 8 2:46 - 3:35 *CONFERENCE*

Ms. Champion

Period 1 8:15 - 9:02 *THEATRE ONE*
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CLASS OVERVIEW:

Theatre One consists of all new to theatre students. As an introduction, young thespians will be immersed into the basics of Theatre Arts. Theatre One consists of learning the foundation of theatre from memorizing a monologue, to being in a class play and even learning the basics of technical theatre.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS:

1. Have a positive, say "Yes" attitude. Participate in the daily assignments with a positive attitude!

2. Treat your classmates and teachers with respect. Theatre is a class that requires live performance and every student deserves respect while performing. In addition, please be respectful to your teachers while working in this theatrical environment. (Be respectful to any teacher. The same rules and procedures apply when a substitute, other teacher, or adult is present!)
3. Refrain from physical altercations, verbal abuse, and any other form of altercation. Violation of this rule will result with immediate repercussions.
4. **Be respectful** to the classroom, cafeteria, stage, and any other instructional spaces. Distraction to these spaces or disrespect to them will result in a detention or an office referral.
5. Follow directions the FIRST time they are given.
6. Be on time. Class begins when the tardy bell rings. Students should have their daily supplies needed for class by the beginning of class. Students who are not in class with their materials by the tardy bell will be counted as tardy.
7. Once a student is in the classroom, the student stays in the classroom! Go to the restroom/water fountain first! Class time is important and when you are not here you are missing out on important information.
8. Restroom and water fountain use should happen before or after class! We are understanding of emergency situations, health reasonings/note from nurse, and such, but students are not to abuse restroom use and disrupt the learning flow of the class. Students are not allowed to leave the classroom for the first or last 10 minutes of class, unless directed by the nurse.
9. Keep hands, feet, and all objects to yourself at all times. This includes the passing period before the tardy bell.
10. Food, drinks, and gum are NOT allowed. Failure to comply with this rule could lead to a before, after, or during lunch detention.
11. You need permission to use the teacher phone, computer, leave the room, or speak during class.
12. Cell phones that are seen or heard will be taken up and given to the office. Devices will only be used upon 24 hour notices. Cell phones are not to be used in the class, unless permission is given by the teacher. (Keep it in your locker, or run the risk of it going off in class or being caught with it.)
13. If you do not understand ALWAYS ask for help. Never be afraid to ask questions. This is especially true in regards to safety conduct or when involving the safety of others.
14. All DISD and NMS rules and policies are in effect at all times while at Navo Middle School. These school procedures must be followed at all times.

GRADING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Grades will be given according to the following scale

1. **Major Grades 60%**
 - Major In-Class Performances
 - Critically Evaluated Paperwork
2. **Minor Grades 40%**
 - Proper Warm-up Procedure
 - Minor Quizzes & Evaluated Paperwork
 - In-Class minor scenes and performances

MAKE-UP WORK

Students who are absent have a period equivalent to the number of days missed plus one to complete all make-up work. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain the assignments from the teacher immediately upon his or her return to school. The office will not collect assignments for students who are absent. An absence does not excuse a student from being responsible for previously assigned work or tests on the day of return to school.

DRESS CODE

The Navo Middle School dress code has been adapted from the Denton ISD dress code found on page 108 of the 2019-2020 Parent/Student Handbook.

The following items have been determined to be unacceptable for wear at school and will be enforced during class:

- Accessories that create a disruption

- Accessories applied to the facial area, tongue, or body such as safety pins to the eye area, studs, or rings through the nose
- Any headgear other than part of approved school uniform
- Bandanas
- Bare midriffs
- Chains or accessories which can be used as a weapon (such as spiked collars/bracelets)
- Display of undergarments
- Flip-flops (except in high schools, or as determined by the administration on all campuses)
- Navo allows flip-flops and slides
- Garments containing offensive or obscene words or phrases, pictures, symbols, or images
- Garments which promote or advertise alcohol, tobacco or other prohibited products
- Halter tops or tank tops
- Mesh/net clothing
- Pajamas or house shoes
- Ragged or intentionally cut-torn clothing as determined inappropriate by the campus principal or designee
- Navo allows holes with skin showing from the knees down
- Navo allows holes with no skin showing above the knees
- Students may patch the holes or wear clothing under the pants (i.e., leggings or shorts)
- Saggy/baggy pants
- See-through apparel, including leggings
- Navo allows leggings to be worn as pants provided that they are not see through, and the top stops at the mid thigh.
- Shirts open at the sides (excessively large armholes)
- Short shorts/skirts (mid-thigh length)
- Steel-toed shoes (except in identified CTE classes)
- Strapless dresses/blouses
- Sunglasses
- Unnatural cosmetics contact lens colors (considered distracting)
- Inappropriate hairstyles that cause a disruption
- Navo allows unnatural hair color provided it is not a distraction
- Visible tattoos and body art which promote nudity, obscenity or gang activity are unacceptable and must be covered.
- School issued ID badge must be visible on or above the waist.
- The Denton ISD dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill self-discipline, prevent disruptions, promote safety, prepare students for life after high school, and provide an environment for learning. When there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the building administrator and school staff will use discretion concerning the dress code.

SUPPLIES NEEDED DAILY

Students will need the following for class:

- 1 sharpened pencil
- 1 highlighter
- 1 inch BLACK Three-Ring Binder
- Binder dividers

ELIGIBILITY

In order to participate in extracurricular activities, students must maintain passing grades in all subjects. If a student receives less than a 70 in any class, they are ineligible for the three weeks following the failure. Navo follows the UIL eligibility calendar. Citizenship and behavior may also be factors in determining ability to participate in events.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

All Theatre One students are welcomed and encouraged to audition for our Fall Show and Spring Musical. Auditions are open to anyone with a passion for theatre. Packets will be available before auditions. The Fall Show will be on Nov. 1st and 2nd at 7:00pm, and the Spring Musical will be on April 30th, May 1st and 2nd at 7:00pm. Rehearsals will be every day afterschool after auditions. More details will be provided in the actual audition packets.

PARENT MEETING

There will be a voluntary parent meeting Thursday, September 5th at 6:00pm in F103 (Mr. Cox's classroom). We will be going over specific details about each theatre class as well as the details concerning our productions for the year. The meeting will be brief as possible. Hope to see you there!

CONTRACT

I, _____ agree to adhere to the rules and procedures listed to me. I also agree to participate in the requirements that are apart of this class curriculum and will bring the materials needed to class each day. I know to show up on time and understand the standards that I must strive for. Failure to comply with all that is shown before me will result negatively on my grade and/or cause a loss of privileges within the theatre department.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

I, the parent of _____ have read the following document and understand the curriculum of my child's class. I know what is expected of them and I am aware of the rules and procedures that are set before them.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____