

# Technical Theatre Syllabus

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Welcome and thank you for your interest into technical theatre at Klein Forest High School! Klein ISD believes that ALL students enter with a promise and exit with a purpose, it is my pleasure to share my promise with your child and prepare them for the collaborative and fast paced world that waits them beyond our KF doors. Below you will find expectations, tips, and information on how to succeed in this course. I look forward to working with both you and your child as they complete the course and understand an appreciation for the live art of Theatre.

## Classroom Rules:

### Be prompt.

Be in the classroom when the bell rings. For assistance, download the “Bell Schedule for School” app. Which lists the entire bell schedule and countdown to each dismissal bell.

(The KFHS tardy policy will be strictly enforced in order to maximize learning and instill an appreciation for time management.)

### Be prepared.

Bring all materials every day(including laptop and charger/ interactive notebook.) Personal items that may distract from class should be left out of the learning environment.

Completion of all assignments, makeup work and retakes, is ultimately the responsibility of each individual student.

### Be proactive.

PRO-active means to be ready **before** a problem arises.

RE-active means reacting **after** a problem arises.

Remain on task at all times. If you are unsure of what to do, be proactive and ask so you do not fall behind in classwork. I am available for tutorials every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45am- 7:15 AM and 2:30 -3:30 PM. Please check with Mr. Albarran prior to attending tutorials so that I can dedicate time to assisting you as effectively as possible.

### Be personable.

Simply respect others and their property. Conduct yourself as a person with whom you would enjoy spending time.

## Course Objectives:

- I. Stage and theatre terminology, On and off Stage Areas, The Chain of Command:
  - A. Identify roles and purposes of all who work within the theatre.
  - B. Navigate your way across the various theatre spaces using correct terminology.
- II. Experience play production process first hand:
  - A. Apply knowledge of taking a play from the page to the stage.
  - B. Demonstrate mastery of various technical elements and their purpose to the production.
- III. Demonstrate Ensemble collaboration skills:
  - A. Present concepts confidently and defend artistic choices with background knowledge.
  - B. Create working relationships in which all team members are depended on equally.
- IV. Develop an appreciation of the theatre:
  - A. Demonstrate mastery of audience and backstage etiquette during various stages of the production process.
  - B. Analyze and critique concepts as you understand the play production process and effective theatrical conventions.

*\*While intended to be comprehensive, lessons are subject to change.\**

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## Classroom procedures

### **Safety:**

Each Klein Forest student is responsible for actively contributing to the safety of the class at all times. Students in this course will be exposed to various power tools and situations in which their safety is relied on by another person or persons. This classroom and the theatre spaces are located next to exit doors (some you may see through and some you may not) which should remain locked and closed at all times. Any Klein ISD Staff member who would need access through ANY door will have a key and a Klein ISD BADGE. DO NOT OPEN AN EXTERIOR DOOR FOR ANYONE AT ANYTIME. This is strictly enforced.

### **Attitude:**

Theatre is a collaborative art and requires that individuals work together and support each other. Students will be working in groups and in pairs for many assignments, so getting along in order to complete an assignment is vitally important. A positive attitude plays a critical role to success in life.

### **Grooming:**

Grooming should be taken care of before school or during passing periods in the proper areas. Refrain from grooming yourself or others during class, this includes but is not limited to the use of brushes, combs, picks, makeup, and mirrors. Please reference the KFHS Student handbook for specific dress code and grooming guidelines.

### **Cell Phones:**

According to KFHS guidelines, cell phone usage is at the discretion of EACH classroom Instructor. As technology is a privilege and tool when used correctly, we will conduct activities in which a cell phone may be used but NEVER MANDATORY, as your child has access to campus laptops and desktop computers in each classroom. In case of an emergency, please contact students via the school phone at (832) 249-4000 or download the “Bell Schedule for School” app. Which lists the entire bell schedule and countdown to each dismissal bell.

### **Food/Drinks:**

Drinks that are not in a bottle with a sealable lid are not allowed in class. In order to keep the classroom clean food is not allowed, this includes and is not limited to chips, candy, meals, and especially gum. For safety reasons, Klein ISD students are never allowed to sell any personal food/ snacks or order food delivery from a third party. Visiting the vending machine is limited to passing periods and lunch. (This policy will be strictly enforced in order to maximize learning and instill an appreciation for time management.)

## Grading

Klein ISD divides the 176 instructional day academic year into 4, Nine week grading periods.

August 19th- October 10th

October 15th- December 20th

January 7th- March 6th

March 16th- May 28th

Grades for this course will consist of Major and minor grades, weighing 70% and 30%. Attendance and completion of all assignments are key to success in this course. Make-up work will be accepted, however points will be deducted (as much as 5% for each day late). All late work for the grading period must be turned in by 5 pm three days before the end of the grading period, in order to give teachers a chance to grade and submit late work before the deadlines mandated by state UIL eligibility requirements. Failure to do so will result in an unsatisfactory or failing grade which may lead to denial of credit. For more assistance and up to view date grades, please download the “Skyward” app.

## Class Fee

In order to provide you child with the opportunity to work with industry tools and materials, a fee is required. This one time \$20.00 fee not only provides materials for the entire year, but grants your child with one **free** ticket to each theatre production. Full calendar of events at [kleinforestdrama.org](http://kleinforestdrama.org). This fee can be paid through the campus “School cash” program, and will need to be paid off in order to receive final diploma.

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For the safety and success of every Klein Forest student including your child, all expectations and assignments should be taken into **full** consideration and met with the intention of completion, progress, and, success.

By signing this form, I have read and agree to the expectations and procedures of Mr. Albarran's Tech Theatre class, and understand these procedures fall within the guidelines of the KISD staff and student handbook.

Printed Student name

Student signature

Printed parent/ Guardian name

Parent signature

Primary emergency contact number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, relation, phone number

Primary emergency contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, relation, email

Please detach and return this signed page to Mr. Albarran.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any specific questions, concerns, or if you would like to join our Theatre Booster Club!