

**Course Title:** Theatre Arts  
**Credit / Hours:** 1/2 credit

**Board Approval Date:** June, 2010

**Course Description:**

Theatre is a course designed for students who want to participate in a dramatic art form. Students will learn specific skills that are needed in the performance of drama such as: blocking, characterization, and physical movement as a means of achieving personal expression. Students will learn the skills of technical theatre that include lighting, sound, and the stage area. Additionally students will be working on the skills of listening critically and responding to their peers in both large and small group settings. They will demonstrate the skills of audience awareness by using appropriate volume and clarity in class rehearsals and performances. Students will analyze scripts through appropriate strategies to determine the playwright's techniques, style, assumptions, and beliefs about a subject. The students will further enhance their skills of analysis by drawing conclusions through the use of literary elements to further understand a variety of genres, and to evaluate the texts. In all written work, students will use the appropriate conventions of language as well as correct sentence formation and grammar.

**Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:**

Worksheets/Packets  
Large Group and Small Group Discussion  
Reading assignments  
Creative projects with rubrics  
Acting and Blocking Assignments with rubrics  
Class participation

**Instructional Resources:**

Textbook: Taylor, Rob and Bob Strickland. Theatre Arts in Action. National Textbook Company, Contemporary Publishing Group, Lincolnwood, Illinois, 1999, 613 pgs.

Acceptable Internet Sites  
LASD Approved Videos  
LASD Approved Book List

# Course Pacing Guide

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Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction
Unit I: Story Telling and Basic Theatre Skills	2-3 Weeks
Unit 2: Character Development and Acting	4-5 Weeks
Unit 3: Directing and Producing A Play	4-5 Weeks
Unit 4: Technical Theatre, Costuming, and Make-Up	3-4 Weeks
Final Project: Creating a Director's Promptbook	3-4 Weeks
Preview	6 Days