Mark Keppel High School

Technical Theatre

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**Course Description**

In this course students will learn and understand how to use and implement a variety of power and hand tools. They will be introduced to all aspects of technical theatre including: Scenic, lighting, makeup and costume design; as well as stage management, dramaturgy and organization. A majority of class time will be spent designing and building sets for upcoming shows. Students will get a hands-on experience in all areas. They will be given chances to create original designs and are expected to have original ideas and implementation of those ideas. Please note that safety is expected and any blatant disregard may result in removal from the scene shop for the remainder of the year. In order to assure safety, the class is only available to those who have received a Pass on all safety and tool tests. This class is a CSU/UC approved class. Therefore, we place a large amount of responsibility on students, including having to lock and unlock our spaces. Throughout the course you must prove you are capable of this responsibility.

**Course Objectives**

For successful completion of this course students will:

* Be proficient in analyzing theatre productions on the technical level
* Create, implement, and understand scenic, lighting, costume and makeup designs
* Understand how to safely operate power and manual tools found in the shop
* Be proficient in how to hang and focus lighting design
* Build functional sets for productions
* Safely work in a professional tech department
* Organize and maintain all technical areas
* Demonstrate and create original thought

Technical Theatre Contract

**Expectations**

* **SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!!!**
* Organization! If you use a tool, return it to where it belongs, and how it belongs. This goes for everything found in any theatre space.
* Expect Success! Maintain a positive attitude with yourself, your peers and your teachers
* Respect! Respect applies to yourself, your peers, your teachers, and equipment and theatre spaces.
* Be on Time! If you’re early you’re on time. If you’re on time, you’re late.
* Participation is Key! In order to get the best possible experience, student must be actively involved in class at **ALL TIMES**! If you do not have a job during class time, ask for one.
* Keep an open mind! Be prepared to make progress. Every experience will enhance your growth as a technician.
* Keep the theatre spaces clean! NO gum, NO food, NO drinks

By signing below I am stating the following:

* I have read the syllabus and therefore declare that I am aware of all the policies and expectations
* I understand that tech and building is a significant part of the grade for this course.
* I also understand that technical participation in productions will require some after school and evening calls.
* I understand that all safety regulations **MUST** be followed at all times and neglecting these guidelines will result in consequences.
* Any injury MUST be immediately reported to the instructor.
* Independent work is necessary during class time and will be completed in a quality fashion in a timely manner.
* The syllabus is subject to change. Students will be given notice of any changes made during the school year.

**Violations**

Any student who chooses to violate this agreement will be subject to the following consequences.

1. Revocation of privileges
2. Lowering of class grade/citizenship
3. Suspension
4. Removal from Class

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