

Behavior Contract

Intro to Performing Arts

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Class Rules and Expectations

I firmly believe that success academically goes hand in hand with the development of life-long skills in social etiquette and preparedness. Therefore, the following rules are expected to be followed in our class.

- **Be Prepared-**

In order to receive the education you deserve, you must always be ready to learn. Every student is expected to come to class each day with their school planner, notebook/binder, pens/pencils, and required text for that day. Any other items needed will be reminded of in class the day before or through Remind.

- **Respect Myself & Your Peers-**

In order for a classroom to function at its best, a mutual respect must be given. I will respect each one of you and, in return, I expect each one of you to show courtesy and respect for myself and one another. This means that while I or one of your peers may be talking, no one else is permitted to speak. If I give instructions, students are expected to listen and follow them the first time they are given. While class is in session, students are not permitted to leave their seat without my permission. This includes using the trash, sharpening pencils, etc. Phones are NOT permitted to be out or used unless I have specifically instructed.

- **NO BULLYING-**

I have a ZERO tolerance policy for bullying. This classroom is to be a safe place for all students. Any criticisms or put downs of any kind will NOT be accepted and will have consequences. Consider this contract your first and only warning. Each additional offense will be handled as described in the "Consequences" portion of this contract.

- **Speak Up & Participate-**

Participation is a large part of your learning in school and *is* counted in your final grade (see page 2). I encourage you all to speak your opinions during our class discussions and to ask any and all questions you may have when necessary.

- **No Food or Drinks-**

It is school policy that no food or drinks are to be allowed inside the classroom. This is a cleanliness issue, as well as safety concern for students. For those with severe allergies, any exposure to certain foods can cause terrible reactions. Therefore, we ask that you be considerate to those around you and keep your food and drinks in the commons.

- **Have Fun!-**

Remember, high school is supposed to be four of the best years of your life! That includes your time spent in class. I want you all to be able to open up and be yourselves. This class is designed to help you all learn in a very hands-on and enjoyable way, so lighten up and have some fun!

Consequences For Breaking a Classroom Rule

- 1st Offense – Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense – Detention
- 3rd Offense – Phone call to parent
- 4th Offense – Conference with the principal *and* parents
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Consequences can be escalated depending on the severity of the offense. These situations will result in an immediate referral to the principal

“Act well your part, there all the honour lies.”

-Alexander Pope

Policy on Homework and Assignments

Homework is a necessary part of learning and is used to reinforce a concept taught in class. It is also used to determine how much the students have learned so that he/she can continue their class accordingly.

- Any late homework may only receive half credit; however, if it is work that we have gone over in class, then no credit will be given. These assignments *must* be ready at the beginning of class.
- Projects/Product assignments that are late will receive a grade deduction for each day that it is late.
- If you are late to school, your work must be turned in by the end of the day or deductions will be given.
- Homework assignments and due dates may be found on the unit syllabi and Polaris course access.

MLA Style

All papers assigned in this course must be typed and must follow the appropriate MLA format requirements.

These include:

- One inch margins all around
- A 12pt font (i.e. Times New Roman, Times, Helvetica, or Arial)
- Pagination in the upper right hand corner
- Appropriate first page heading
- MLA reference citations, as needed

Further MLA instructions and help may be found on our class website under [My Resources](#).

Turnitin.com

All papers and outside assignments must be submitted to turnitin.com, a plagiarism prevention website that instantly detects unoriginal material, before entering my classroom on the date it is due. I will sometimes require a turnitin.com submission *as well as* a hard copy. If your paper is *not* submitted prior to the in-class due date, I will not accept the hard copy. However, should that be the case, I will also accept submission via email no later than 11:59pm on the day it is due in order to give you time to access turnitin.com. Any submissions after that deadline will receive a letter grade deduction per day it is late. Use the following information to log in to this course after creating an account with your **SCHOOL INFORMATION ONLY!**

Class ID: 15957462

Password: jackson9

A link to Turnitin.com may also be found on our class website under [My Resources](#).

Remind 101

Remind 101 is a service in which you can receive text messages informing you of important due dates for student assignments or information for this class. In order to subscribe (which *is a requirement*), text [@intro-arts to 81010](#). If you're worried about security, don't be! I will never see your phone numbers once you sign up, nor will anyone else who signs up. You will never receive advertisement texts and may choose to opt out *at the end of the school year* by texting "Unsubscribe" to the assigned phone number. Please keep in mind that this will *not* take the place of your school planners!. Remind 101 will only be used for major due dates and event reminders. All other assignment due dates are your responsibility to keep track of.

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Grading Policy

A point system is used to calculate grades. Points possible will be weighted according to the expectations if each given assignment. Rubrics will often be used for assessment and the expectations and due dates for each assignment will be made clear when the assignment is given.

Process (the practice of knowledge) 15% -

- participation
- homework
- in-class activities

Product (the final demonstration of knowledge) 85%-

- tests
- quizzes
- projects

Extra Credit -

- In lieu of extra credit, teachers may offer optional assignments to assist students in raising grades to a more desirable level.

In recording the final grade for each grading period, the school grading scale will be used.

Grading Scale -

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69
- F 0-59

For verification of Jackson High School grading policy, please consult the student handbook.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is defined as taking, giving, or using ideas, writings, or information from another source (ANY source) and offering them as your own. Should a student plagiarize in this course, each offense will result in one of the following punishments:

- **First offense** - Parent/Guardian will be notified and the incident will be reported to the assistant principal. Upon administrative review, the student may receive not credit or up to 70% of the score if the assignment is allowed to be reworked.
- **Second offense** - The student will receive a zero on the quiz, test, paper, or other assignment, the teacher will contact the parent/guardian, and the incident will be reported to the assistant principal to be reviewed for further course of action, which may include failure for the grading period.
- **Third offense** - Parent/Guardian contact will be made, and further consequences may include removal of the student from the class/course, which will result in failure of the course for the year (if year-long) or semester (if semester long).

This information has been retrieved from the JHS Student Handbook.

Attendance / Make-Up Policy

Attendance is critical to your success. You are responsible for asking for all make-up work during excused absences. Asked what was missed at the *beginning* of class and take what is necessary from class folder at the front of the room.

Excused Absences -

- For each day you have missed, you will be permitted one day to make up and necessary work.
- Any tests, quizzes, or homework that was previously assigned or already on the calendar is to be taken, turned in, or made up *on the day you return*. Should you fail to do so, no credit will be given.

Unexcused Absences -

- Unexcused absences are unacceptable. Should you have an unexcused absence, no make-up work will be accepted for credit. However, you are encouraged to complete the work and review it with the teacher to understand any concepts you missed.

*** For further knowledge of course attendance policy, see student handbook.***

I, _____, have read the *Behavior Contract* for Introduction to Performing Arts with
(Print Name)

Ms. Guilliams and hereby agree to follow all policies outlined in said contract. Should I break any of the rules listed above or fail to follow the policies and guidelines of the class, I consent to accept the consequences pertaining to each offense.

Signature _____

Date _____