

STARS Foundation

Student Handbook – Theater

Thank you for choosing the STARS Foundation, your educational institution for the fine arts.

Philosophy and Mission

Our students benefit from theater training through:

- Discipline awareness.
- A sense of physical and mental confidence.
- Development of social interaction through friendships.
- An understanding of the technical terms of theatrics and mechanics.
- An insight into role training and memorization.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals. Please call before rehearsal if your child will be absent. Students arriving after role call without notifying the office will not be able to participate in that class and will be required to watch. **The beginning of class is spent warming up, and is very important so that you don't injure yourself.** If more than two rehearsals are missed (other than excused illness) students will not be permitted to perform. Snow days or cancelled classes are not included.

The student is required to participate in ALL the Performances unless given permission otherwise. Please mark your calendars!

Theater Etiquette

- Students are expected to respect their instructors and fellow students at all times.
- Support the roles given and encourage each other with positive comments.
- Students who are repeatedly disruptive will be asked to sit out.
- There is to be NO talking until break time.
- Come prepared with lines and instruction given for each practice. Those not following these guidelines will not be allowed to participate.

Please help us to keep the theater clean by reminding children to clean up after themselves. We are not responsible for anything left behind in the building.

Parental Responsibilities

- Please inform instructor of any medical, physical, or emotional problems your child may be experiencing.
- Check the STARS Blog regularly. This is the primary means of communication between STARS and parents/students. Visit www.thestarsfoundation.blogspot.com.
- Make sure your child is dressed according to the dress code.
- Please pick up your child on time. We are unable to be responsible for keeping track of your child after rehearsals. Students who are consistently picked up late without notification will be charged a \$5 fee.
- CHILDREN UNDER 10 MUST HAVE AN ADULT PRESENT DURING ALL REHEARSALS.

Policies

- NO refunds or credits will be given.
- Please do not request to alter the schedule to accommodate extracurricular activities.
- At any time, a role can be changed by the director to ensure professional performance.

Parking

At the STARS building, be sure you park on the east and west sides of the building because you are there for a long time and we do not want to congest the parking on Main Street for other businesses and store owners. Thank you.

At the theater during rehearsals you are free to park in the front or back of the theater. However, during performances we ask that you park farther away and allow guests to park near the theater. Thank you.

Dress code

Students must be properly dressed. T-shirts with shorts or pants that would follow public school guidelines are appropriate. No tank tops or spaghetti straps, hats, flip-flops, sandals, or bare feet will be permitted on stage. Long hair should be pulled back.