

Milford High School

STAGECRAFT & TECHNICAL THEATER

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Course Overview

This one-semester (.5 credit) capstone course will introduce students to the areas of stagecraft and technical theatre production. There will be a focus on developing the basic tools and procedures for creating elements of technical theatre. Technical knowledge of safety procedures and demonstrated safe operation of theatre equipment are central to success in this course. Students will be required to attend or participate in technical work, rehearsals, and/or performances beyond the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students will climb ladders, lift things, build (power tools), paint, work online, research, sew, work with makeup, learn theater-specific software, and handle very expensive equipment in this class.

Students will work to build a technical portfolio that can be added to and used for college and scholarship auditions during their senior year.

Special Features of Stagecraft & Technical Theatre

- Qualifies for .5 of the Visual Performing Applied Arts graduation requirement
- Work based learning opportunities through the Michigan Educational Theater Association (META) and the Internationals Thespian Society (ITS) will be provided to students, as well as mentorship through the United States Institute of Technical Theater
- Students are invited to participate in the Milford High School Thespian Club - a local after-school student organization of the International Thespian Society
- Students will be required to pass a laboratory safety test before they can participate in the shop/laboratory experience. This safety test is given to ensure that every student is aware of the safety rules and regulations in this classroom.
- Many CTE programs at Milford are covered by articulation arrangements with local colleges and universities. "Articulation" is the process allowing students to earn college credit for demonstrating skills and competencies in their Milford High School coursework. Currently, we are working with Davenport University for articulated credit for the Theater Arts program - see me for details!
- We are working to offer USITT (Association for Performing Arts & Entertainment Professionals) industry certifications through the eSET/Essential Skills for Entertainment Technicians exams in one or more of the following areas:
 - *Basic Terms & Safety, Rigging, Lighting & Electrics, Costuming and/or Wardrobe Technician*

Units of Study include:

Facility/Equipment Safety
Theater/Arts Management
Scenic Design & Set Construction/Painting
Property Management (procurement, design, creation)
Lighting Design (hang and focus)

Costume Design and Construction
Stage Makeup
Sound Design & Set-Up
Stage Management
Publicity/Marketing

Resources

All text, software, tools and other materials or equipment will be provided by Milford High School.
Opportunities to purchase personal tools will be available to interested students.