

Bristol Public SchoolsOffice of Teaching & Learning

Department	Fine Arts
Department Philosophy	The visual and performing arts are critical in the development of every child. In a diverse and ever changing society, the visual and performing arts are integral in the consistency, appreciation, and creativity of tomorrow's leaders. The fine arts are a universal language, allowing students to learn unique skills and means of expression that contributes back to our society. We believe visual and performing arts create lifelong learners harnessed with empathy and skills necessary to understand our past, present and future world.
Course	7th Grade Concentration Drama
Course Description for Program of Studies	N/A
Grade Level	7
Pre-requisites	none
Credit (if applicable)	N/A

P indicates standard will be a priority for the unit; **S** indicates a supporting standard

District Learning Expectations and Standards	Ensemble Activities	Scene Study	Theater Foundations	Audition Skills	Technical Theater	Q3 Performance	Reflection on Q3 Performance	Fairy Tales	Compare and Contrast
Creating									
TH:Cr1.1 Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.	S	S		S	S	S		Р	
TH:Cr2.1 Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	S	S		S	S	S		S	
TH:Cr3.1 Refine new work through play, drama processes and theater experiences using critical analysis and experimentation.	Р	Р		S	Р	S		Р	
Performing									
TH:Pr4.1 Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.		S		Р		S		S	

TH:Pr5.1 Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.	Р	Р		Р	S	Р			
TH:Pr6.1 Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.		S				Р			
Respond									
TH:Re7.1 Perceive and analyze artistic work.	S						S	S	S
TH:Re8.1 Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.			S				S		
TH:Re9.1 Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.			Р				Р	S	Р
Connecting									
TH:Cn10.1 Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.						S		S	
TH:Cn11.1 Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.			S						
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UNIT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- What happens when theater artists use their imaginations and/or learned theater skills while engaging in creative exploration and inquiry?
- How, when, and why do theater artists' choices change?
- How do theater artists transform and edit their initial ideas?
- Why are strong choices essential to interpreting a drama or theater piece?
- What can I do to fully prepare a performance or technical design?
- How do theater artists comprehend the essence of drama processes and theater experiences?
- How can the same work of art communicate different messages to different people?
- How are the theater artist's processes and the audience's perspectives impacted by analysis and synthesis?
- What happens when theater artists allow an understanding of themselves and the world to inform perceptions about theater and the purpose of their work?
- In what ways can research into theater histories, theories, literature, and performances alter the way a drama process or production is understood?
- What happens when theater artists and audiences share a creative experience?
- What happens when theater artists foster understanding between self and others through critical awareness, social responsibility, and the exploration of empathy?

UNIT ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

- Theater artists rely on intuition, curiosity, and critical inquiry.
- Theater artists work to discover different ways of communicating meaning
- Theater artists refine their work and practice their craft through rehearsal.
- Theater artists make strong choices to effectively convey meaning.
- Theater artists develop personal processes and skills for a performance or design.
- Theater artists reflect to understand the impact of drama processes and theater experiences.
- Theater artists' interpretations of drama/theater work are influenced by personal experiences and aesthetics.
- Theater artists apply criteria to investigate, explore, and assess drama and theater work.
- Theater artists understand and can communicate their creative process as they analyze the way the world may be understood.
- Theater artists critically inquire into the ways others have thought about and created drama processes and productions to inform their own work.
- Theater artists share and present stories, ideas, and envisioned worlds to explore the human experience.
- Theater artists allow awareness of interrelationships between self and others to influence and inform their work.

UNIT 1: Ensemble Activities

Standard	Standard		Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary		
TH:Cr1.1.7	a. Investigate multiple perspectives and solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theater work.		and solutions to staging challenges		Content Knowledge	Energy, connection, eye contact, association, acceptance,
					Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	continuation, environment, format, gibberish, narration, trust
	c. Envision and describe a scripted or improvised character's inner		Physical Skill			
	thoughts and objectives in a drama/theater work.	Х	Product Development			
	drama/trieater work.		Learning Behavior			
TH:Cr2.1.7	a. Examine and justify original ideas and artistic choices in a		Content Knowledge	Resources		
	drama/theater work based on critical analysis, background knowledge, and historical and cultural context. b. Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theater work.	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Improv Encyclopedia		
			Physical Skill			
		Х	Product Development			
			Learning Behavior			
TH:Cr3.1.7	a. Demonstrate focus and		Content Knowledge			
	concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theater work. b. Develop effective physical and		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)			
		Х	Physical Skill			
		Х	Product Development			
vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theater work		Learning Behavior				

TH:Pr5.1.7	a. Participate in a variety of acting		Content Knowledge
	exercises and techniques that can be applied in a rehearsal or drama/theater performance.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
	, '	Х	Physical Skill
		Х	Product Development
			Learning Behavior
TH:Re7.1.7	a. Compare recorded personal and	Х	Content Knowledge
	peer reactions to artistic choices in a drama/ theater work.	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
			Physical Skill
			Product Development
			Learning Behavior

- Participate in group activities using a scripted or improvised character and imagining the given circumstances in a drama/theater work.
- Respect my classmates by contributing ideas and accepting/ incorporating the ideas of others in preparing or devising drama/theater work.
- Demonstrate appropriate physical and vocal warmups
- Express thoughts, feelings, and actions to identify effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theater work.
- Use basic theater vocabulary (Energy, connection, eye contact, association, acceptance, continuation) in connection with my performance.
- Improvise in a structured setting as a group.

UNIT 2: Scene Study

Standard	Standard		Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary				
TH:Cr1.1.7	a. Investigate multiple perspectives and solutions to staging challenges in a						Content Knowledge	Action, objective, tactic, intention, scene, character, memorize,
	drama/theater work. c. Envision and describe a scripted or improvised character's inner thoughts and objectives in a drama/theater work.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	blocking, choices, physical, vocal, upstage, downstage, stage right, stage left				
			Physical Skill					
		х	Product Development					
			Learning Behavior					
TH:Cr2.1.7	a. Examine and justify original ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theater work		Content Knowledge	Resources				
	based on critical analysis, background knowledge, and historical and cultural context.	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Monologue/Scene script Plays magazine				
	b. Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or	b. Demonstrate mutual respect for self		Physical Skill				
			х	Product Development				
	devising drama/theater work.		Learning Behavior					
TH:Cr3.1.7	a. Demonstrate focus and concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and		Content Knowledge					
	refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theater work.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)					
	b. Develop effective physical and vocal	х	Physical Skill					
	traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theater work		Product Development					
			Learning Behavior					
TH:Pr4.1.7	a. Consider various staging choices to enhance the story in a drama/theater work.		Content Knowledge					
			Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)					
			Physical Skill					

	b. Use various character objectives in a drama/theater work.	Х	Product Development
	urama/meater work.		Learning Behavior
TH:Pr5.1.7	a. Participate in a variety of acting		Content Knowledge
	exercises and techniques that can be applied in a rehearsal or drama/theater performance.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
		Х	Physical Skill
		Х	Product Development
			Learning Behavior
TH:Pr6.1.7	a. Participate in rehearsals for a drama/theater work that will be shared		Content Knowledge
	with an audience.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
		Х	Physical Skill
			Product Development
			Learning Behavior

- Understand and identify objectives and actions/tactics within my monologue or scene, and apply it to my performance
- Memorize, refine, and perform my monologue and scene for an audience
- Analyze my given character and their relationship to others and the story.
- Collaborate with the director, actors, and the playwright to implement stage blocking
- Use memorization techniques to memorize my lines for the performance
- Explore physical, vocal and physiological choices to develop a performance that is believable, authentic, and relevant to a drama/theater work.
- Practice and refine my performance
- Finalize and perform the play for an audience.

UNIT 3: Theater Foundations

Standard	Standard		Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary
TH:Re8.1.7	b. Describe how cultural	Х	Content Knowledge	Theatron, orchestra, skene, proskenion, Deus ex Machina, Comedy,
	perspectives can influence the evaluation of		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Tragedy, masks, improvisation, innamorati (the lovers), il Capitano, l Dottore, Graziano (the professor), Pantalone, Tartaglia, Harlequin, Pierrette, Pedrolino, Pedro, Brighella, Pulcinella, trope, character type
	drama/theater work.		Physical Skill	
	c. Interpret how the use of		Product Development	
	personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs can be used to discuss drama/theater work.		Learning Behavior	
TH:Re9.1.7	purpose of a drama/theater work appeals to a specific	х	Content Knowledge	Resources
		х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Dr J's Illustrated Greek Theater Commedia dell'arte
	audience.		Physical Skill	
			Product Development	
		Х	Learning Behavior	
TH:Cn11.1.7	a. Incorporate music,		Content Knowledge	
	dance, art, and/or media to strengthen the meaning	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	
and conflict in a drama/theater work with a		Physical Skill		
	particular cultural, global,		Product Development	
	or historic context.		Learning Behavior	

- Explain important aspects of greek theater
- Examine artifacts from a time period and geographic location to better understand performance and design choices in a drama/theater work.
- Explain important aspects of commedia dell'arte
- Compare and contrast historical theater to contemporary art/media.
- Describe how cultural perspectives can influence the evaluation of drama/theater work.
- Identify how the intended purpose of a drama/theater work appeals to a specific audience.

UNIT 4: Audition Skills

Standard	Standard		Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary		
TH:Cr1.1.7	c. Envision and describe a		Content Knowledge	Monologue, song cut, action, intention, tactic, objective		
	scripted or improvised character's inner thoughts and				Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	
	objectives in a drama/theater work.		Physical Skill			
	Work.	Х	Product Development			
			Learning Behavior			
TH:Cr2.1.7	a. Examine and justify original		Content Knowledge	Resources		
	ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theater work based on critical analysis, background knowledge, and historical and	drama/theater work based on	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Cuts of scenes and songs from Q3 production.	
					Physical Skill	
	cultural context.		Product Development			
	b. Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theater work.		Learning Behavior			
TH:Cr3.1.7	a. Demonstrate focus and		Content Knowledge			
	concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theater work.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)			
		х	Physical Skill			
	,	Х	Product Development			

	b. Develop effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theater work		Learning Behavior	
TH:Pr4.1.7	b. Use various character	х	Content Knowledge	
	objectives in a drama/theater work.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	peaking, Listening,
			Physical Skill	
		Х	Product Development	
			Learning Behavior	

Lesson Targets: I CAN

- Select a musical theater song and monologue that is appropriate for my voice and character type
- Understand and identify objectives and actions/tactics within my chosen monologue and song, and apply it to my performance
- Understand and identify musical elements and vocal choices to further my character development and apply it to performance
- Refine and perform my song and monologue for an audience

UNIT 5: Technical Theater

Standard	Standard		Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary		
TH:Cr1.1.7	b. Explain and present		b. Explain and present		Content Knowledge	Painting, sweeping, spiking, spike tape, props, set pieces, flats,
	solutions to design challenges in a drama/	challenges in a drama/		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	platforms, railings, spotlights, microphones, cables, wires, batteries, packs	
	theater work.		Physical Skill			
		Х	Product Development			
			Learning Behavior			
TH:Cr2.1.7	b. Demonstrate mutual		Content Knowledge			
	respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theater work.	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)			
			Physical Skill			
		х	Product Development			
			Learning Behavior			
TH:Cr3.1.7	c. Consider multiple planned		Content Knowledge			
	technical design elements during the rehearsal process		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)			
	for a devised or scripted drama/theater work.	х	Physical Skill			
		х	Product Development			
			Learning Behavior			
TH:Pr5.1.7	b. Choose a variety of		Content Knowledge			
	technical elements that can		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)			

be applied to a design in a	Х	Physical Skill	
drama/theater work.	Х	Product Development	
		Learning Behavior	

- Demonstrate effective set painting techniques, and be responsible for cleaning up after my work is finished.
- Sweep the stage so that it is safe for barefoot performers
- Demonstrate the ability to spike the stage for correct placement of set pieces and props
- Create, maintain and store props in an organized manner
- Safely move set pieces and props in the stage space
- Demonstrate the appropriate and safe use of a spotlight
- Assist in maintaining microphones (cables, batteries, muting, waterproofing)
- Correctly wrap a cable for storage
- Responsibly assist in the technical responsibilities during the Q3 performance, and beyond.

UNIT 6: Q3 Performance

Standard		Type of Standard		Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary	
TH:Cr1.1.7	a. Investigate multiple		Content Knowledge	On Stage, off stage, blocking, choreography, spikes, lines,	
	perspectives and solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theater work.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	memorize, spacing, cheating out, topography, lines, songs, ensemble singing	
			Physical Skill		
	c. Envision and describe a	Х	Product Development		
	scripted or improvised character's inner thoughts and objectives in a drama/theater work.		Learning Behavior		
TH:Cr2.1.7	a. Examine and justify		Content Knowledge	Prior Knowledge Needed/Common Misconceptions	
c	original ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theater work based on critical analysis, background	choices in a drama/theater	Х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Basic blocking and choreography cues, memorization techniques, stage vocabulary
			Physical Skill		
	knowledge, and historical	х	Product Development		
	and cultural context. b. Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theater work.		Learning Behavior		
TH:Cr3.1.7	a. Demonstrate focus and		Content Knowledge	Resources	
	concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Script and score for Q3 Performance	

	and refine choices in a	Х	Physical Skill
1	devised or scripted	X	Product Development
	drama/theater work.		Learning Behavior
	b. Develop effective physical		Learning benavior
	and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted		
	drama/theater work		
TH:Pr4.1.7	a Canaidar variaus staging	х	Content Knowledge
ID.P14.1.7	a. Consider various staging choices to enhance the story		-
	in a drama/theater work.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
	b. Use various character		Physical Skill
	objectives in a drama/theater	Х	Product Development
	work.		Learning Behavior
TH:Pr5.1.7	acting exercises and techniques that can be		Content Knowledge
			Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
	applied in a rehearsal or drama/theater performance.	х	Physical Skill
	aramaranoator porrormanoor	Х	Product Development
			Learning Behavior
TH:Pr6.1.7	a. Participate in rehearsals		Content Knowledge
	for a drama/theater work that will be shared with an		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
	audience.	х	Physical Skill
			Product Development
			Learning Behavior
TH:Cn10.1.7	a. Incorporate multiple perspectives and diverse		Content Knowledge

community ideas in a drama/theater work.	Х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	
		Physical Skill	
	х	Product Development	
		Learning Behavior	

- Analyze my given character and their relationship to others and the story.
- Collaborate with the director, actors, and the playwright to implement stage blocking
- Use memorization techniques to memorize my lines and music for the performance
- Explore physical, vocal and physiological choices to develop a performance that is believable, authentic, and relevant to a drama/theater work.
- Practice and refine my performance
- Finalize and perform the play for an audience.

UNIT 7: Reflection on EOY performance

Standard	Standard		Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary
TH:Re7.1.7	a. Compare recorded	Х	Content Knowledge	Critique, analyze, energy, space, enthusiasm
	personal and peer reactions to artistic choices in a drama/	Х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	
	theater work.		Physical Skill	
			Product Development	
			Learning Behavior	
TH:Re8.1.7	a. Identify the artistic choices	х	Content Knowledge	Prior Knowledge Needed/Common Misconceptions
	made based on personal experience in a drama/theater	Х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Basic writing skills
	work.		Physical Skill	
	c. Interpret how the use of personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs can be used to discuss drama/theater work.		Product Development	
			Learning Behavior	
TH:Re9.1.7	a. Explain preferences, using	Х	Content Knowledge	Resources
	supporting evidence and criteria to evaluate	Х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Recording of Q3 performance
	drama/theater work.		Physical Skill	
	b. Consider the aesthetics of the production elements in a		Product Development	
	drama/theater work	Х	Learning Behavior	

	c. Identify how the intended purpose of a drama/theater work appeals to a specific audience.		
TH:Cn11.2.7			Content Knowledge
	a playwright might have intended a drama/theater	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
	work to be produced.		Physical Skill
			Product Development
		Х	Learning Behavior

Lesson Targets: I CAN

- Describe and record personal reactions to a performance of a drama/theater work using a rubric
- Respond to our performance using our success criteria
- Apply the production elements used in our performance to assess aesthetic choices.

UNIT 8: Fairy Tales

Standard			Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary
TH:Cr1.1.7	c. Envision and describe a scripted or improvised character's inner thoughts		Content Knowledge	Character, traits, history, background, objective, tactics, action,
			Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	beginning, middle, end, conflict, resolution
	and objectives in a drama/theater work.		Physical Skill	
		х	Product Development	
			Learning Behavior	
TH:Cr2.1.7	a. Examine and justify		Content Knowledge	Prior Knowledge Needed/Common Misconceptions
	original ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theater work based on critical	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Basic writing skills, research ability on fairy tale characters
	analysis, background		Physical Skill	
	knowledge, and historical	Х	Product Development	
	and cultural context. b. Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theater work.		Learning Behavior	
TH:Cr3.1.7	a. Demonstrate focus and		Content Knowledge	
	concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	
	and refine choices in a	Х	Physical Skill	
		Х	Product Development	

	devised or scripted drama/theater work. b. Develop effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theater work		Learning Behavior
TH:Pr4.1.7	b. Use various character	Х	Content Knowledge
	objectives in a drama/theater work.		Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
			Physical Skill
		х	Product Development
			Learning Behavior
TH:Re7.1.7	a. Compare recorded	х	Content Knowledge
	personal and peer reactions to artistic choices in a	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
	drama/ theater work.		Physical Skill
			Product Development
			Learning Behavior
TH:Re9.1.7	a. Explain preferences,	х	Content Knowledge
	using supporting evidence and criteria to evaluate	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)
	drama/theater work.		Physical Skill
			Product Development
		Х	Learning Behavior
TH:Cn10.1.7	a. Incorporate multiple		Content Knowledge
	perspectives and diverse	х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)

community ideas in a		Physical Skill	
drama/theater work.	х	Product Development	
		Learning Behavior	

- Describe a detailed character based on a fairy tale
- Write and perform a monologue from the point of view of the character I've chosen
- Collaborate with my classmates to create scenes that have a beginning, middle and end using the characters we created.
- Develop effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theater work
- Perform the scenes my classmates and I have created.
- Examine and justify my ideas and artistic choices based on critical analysis, background knowledge, and historical and cultural context.

UNIT 9: Compare and Contrast

UNWRAPPED STANDARDS

Standard	Standard		Type of Standard	Concepts and Disciplinary-Specific Vocabulary
TH:Re7.1.7	a. Compare recorded personal and peer reactions to artistic choices in a drama/	Х	Content Knowledge	Plot, character, relationship, costumes, themes, time period,
		х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	setting
	theater work.		Physical Skill	
			Product Development	
			Learning Behavior	
TH:Re9.1.7	b. Consider the aesthetics of	х	Content Knowledge	Prior Knowledge Needed/Common Misconceptions
	the production elements in a drama/theater work.	Х	Skill (Problem-Solving, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Reasoning)	Basic writing skills
	c. Identify how the intended		Physical Skill	
	purpose of a drama/theater work appeals to a specific audience.		Product Development	Resources
		х	Learning Behavior	Romeo and Juliet video recording, West Side Story video recording.

Learning Targets

- Discuss my understanding of the story of Romeo and Juliet with my peers and teacher.
- Compare and contrast my previous understanding of the R&J story with a movie version.
- Compare and contrast the original R&J story to West Side Story (character names, plot points, etc)
- Compare and contrast settings
- Express my opinions in writing giving specific evidence to support my views.