

Madawaska High School
Theater
Mrs. Welch
Room 300/Cafeteria stage



Theater class at Madawaska High School introduces students to the basic elements of theater. Students study acting vocabulary, stage grids, stage directions, effective use of voice and movement. Students participate in all aspects of performing school plays, from behind-the-scenes to center stage. All students are required to memorize lines several times throughout the year and to have a role on stage in at least one performance during the school year. The class attends outside performances depending on the accessibility to such shows.

Theater class activities/assignments:

- Memorize and recite monologues
- History of theater
- Varieties of drama: comedy, tragedy, and more
- Elements of theater: participants, scenario, time, place, clothing, sound, movement, purpose
- Create a character: character sketch, analysis, outline
- Theater vocabulary: acting and stage terms
- Write and perform skits in class
- Acting games
- School one-act play(s): learn parts, rehearse, create set, publicity

As noted in the program of studies, students are, at times, required to attend after-school practices. These are scheduled to coordinate with student extra-curricular activities. Students must be prepared to make arrangements to attend such rehearsals and dress rehearsals.

Theater class fulfills one credit toward the fine arts requirement for graduation.