

Grading Procedures and Classroom Expectations
2008-2009 Music Theatre

1. **GRADES:** A quarterly grade will consist of performance attendance (if applicable), participation in rehearsals, application of learned music and drama techniques, practicing, class work and tests or quizzes at instructor's discretion. Approximate grade breakdown is as follows: school concerts and musical, 30%; daily participation, application in rehearsal, 40%; class work and homework, 25%; and tests or quizzes 5%.
 - a. **READINESS:** Be in your assigned seat before the beginning of rehearsal. Be ready with any necessary music, scripts, or materials. If you do not have all necessary materials with you, you will be marked tardy. *Bathroom breaks must be taken before class or you will be marked tardy which will drop your rehearsal grade one letter grade for that day.*
 - b. **PARTICIPATION IN REHEARSALS:** This class will require each student to participate in all activities and learn all aspects of musical theatre. Each student will be learning musical stage skills, drama techniques, as well as choreography, directing and technical support aspects of musical theatre. Your daily grade will reflect your enthusiasm and attitude for the class as well as your behavior during class. Extra rehearsals after school may be necessary just prior to each performance. You are expected to attend those rehearsals you are scheduled to be at. If a problem arises, please let Mrs. Sullivan know as soon as possible.
 - c. **APPLICATION OF LEARNED MUSIC AND DRAMA TECHNIQUES:** You will be presented with new music and drama techniques each quarter. You will apply these techniques to the performances as well as committing the music, scripts, and staging of the performance to memory. Techniques will include posture, breathing, diction, pronunciation, projection, character, and others as needed.
 - d. **CLASS WORK AND HOMEWORK:** You will be given assignments relating to the studies of music theatre, music history, and drama in class. What is not completed in class may be taken home to finish as homework and will be due the following class day. You may also be given research assignments to complete throughout the course.
 - e. **TESTS AND QUIZZES:** Tests and quizzes may be given as needed. These will not be scheduled on any regular basis. These will include coursework tests as well as memorization checkpoints.
2. **ATTENDANCE:**
 - a. **ABSENCES AND TARDIES:** Please refer to the school policies on absences and tardiness for detailed information. Absences and tardiness in excess of school policy may result in a grade reduction.
 - b. **PERFORMANCE ABSENCES:** You are part of a very important group. EVERY performance will be considered mandatory. If you have a personal matter that arises and you cannot attend, PRIOR arrangements must be made with Mrs. Sullivan and you will be required to complete a make-up assignment. We must act as a "team" and when one "player" is missing, the team does not play as well.
3. **BEHAVIOR:**
 - a. **TALKING:** Do not talk while another is speaking – listen, this shows respect and honor to others. If you want to speak, wait until the speaker is finished. Please raise your hand if you have a question or want to answer.
 - b. **ATTITUDE:** I will be expecting positive attitudes from all students. The Lord has given you a special gift, so please be thankful and positive; use your gift to the best of your ability!
 - c. **MISCELLANEOUS:** I expect the classroom to be neat and clean after each class period. Please be courteous to others and pick up any mess that you make, or that you see.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____