Curriculum Overview
Theatre Arts II

Course Description:
Students will be given an in-depth study of acting techniques and approaches in performance terms to various kinds of drama. Theater history will be studied by performing scenes and plays from different time periods and cultures. Students will begin to develop a critical eye.

In the upper levels, emphasis is on actual performance, in acting, technical theatre, and playwriting. Directing and producing scenes and performing in entire plays are expected.

Essential Skills/Processes: Students will—

**Goal 1:** Develop internal and external personal resources.
- **Voice**
  Synthesize vocal techniques to create characters
- **Discipline**
  Apply artistic discipline in collaboration with others
- **Self-concept**
  Develop objectivity in appraising personal abilities and creative endeavors

**Goal 2:** Create drama/theatre through artistic collaboration.
- **Interpersonal Skills/Ensemble**
  Strive for ensemble in rehearsal and performance
- **Problem Solving**
  Explore acting as creative problem-solving
- **Improvisation**
  Use improvisation in creating a character

**Goal 3:** Relate drama/theatre to its social context.
- **Theatre Heritage**
  *Use cultural, social, and political aspects of theatrical problems
- **Drama/Theatre & Life**
  *Explore depth and scope of aesthetic judgment by experiencing theatre of diverse styles, modes, and genres

**Goal 4:** Form aesthetic judgments.
- **Dramatic Elements**
  Analyze and evaluate dramatic text as a basis for performance
- **Theatre Attendance**
  *Expand depth and scope of aesthetic judgment by experiencing theatre of diverse styles, modes, and genres

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**Essential Knowledge:** Students will--

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Goal 2: Create drama/theatre through artistic collaboration.
Goal 3: Relate drama/theatre to its social context.
Goal 4: Form aesthetic judgments.

**Resources:**

**Curriculum Connections:**
Stafford County Public Schools:
https://www.staffordschools.net/

VA Standards of Learning:
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/fine_arts/index.shtml

School Report Card (VA Department of Education):
http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/

*Multicultural Connections
+Interdisciplinary Connections