

Colton Joint Unified School District Course of Study  
**Course Description for Acting (47401/2)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Visual and Performing Arts

**GRADE:** Open to all grades

**LENGTH:** One Year

**CREDITS:** 10 (Ten)

**PREREQUISITE:** None

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Students will learn the basic principle of stage acting including memorization and performance techniques for short scene performances before a class audience. Grading is based upon demonstration of acting abilities in the following areas: memorization of lines, creation of character, physical mobility on stage, blocking of scenes, projection of voice to house area and general acting skills related to performance.

**EXIT CRITERIA:** By the end of the school year, students are expected to do the following:

1. Demonstrate ability to write and perform improvisation including monologues, pantomimes and various ensemble scenes with two or more actors.
2. Memorize, block and perform short scenes before the class audience.
3. Describe the elements of drama/theater and how they are organized to evoke responses.
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5. Demonstrate skills and techniques to create, represent and communicate attitudes, emotions, information and concepts through drama/theater experiences.
6. Show ability for making critical judgments about the form, content, technique, style and purpose of drama/theater productions.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

**ACTIVITY**

**PERCENTAGES**

Performance In-class/Scenes & Improvisations	50%
Ability to Work with a Group as an Actor and Audience Member	30%
Completion of Semester/Projects Participation School Productions/Final Examination	20%

**TEXTBOOK:**

The Stage and the School, McGraw Hill  
The ABC's of Acting, Blue Heron Books

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**CORE READING:**

Scenes and Voices from the High School