

Drama at South Forsyth Middle School

Drama class is designed to increase students' self-confidence while inspiring students' creativity. We promote a deeper understanding of reading, writing, and speaking skills through character and script analysis. Students are encouraged to explore their understanding of human behavior through the context of drama. We promote cultural understanding while exploring different styles and periods of theatre. Students receive opportunities to enhance their skill level in acting, improvisation, and pantomime while incorporating technical elements such as scenery, props, lighting, and music.

Drama Course Overview

6th Grade: In this course, students will explore acting and improvisation. They learn the basic techniques of acting, character and voice development, presentation skills, and scriptwriting.

7th Grade: In this course, students incorporate sensory and emotional experiences and observation techniques into presentational theatre activities. They apply vocal and movement techniques appropriate to theatre activities and presentations. The students learn to begin technical theatre skills such as lighting and staging. Students begin performing in local school productions and participate in activities and workshops to enhance drama skills.

8th Grade: In this course, students continue to apply ensemble skills through pantomime, improvisation, and acting. They design and create simple scenery, costume, props, lighting, sound, music, and/or makeup for dramatic presentations, using research skills as needed to gather resources. Students begin to create original scripts and adapt appropriate literature into scripted material for presentation.

How to sign up for Drama Class

In Sixth Grade, Drama is offered as a 9-week course only. Most 9-week courses are assigned randomly, but rising Sixth Graders have the opportunity to indicate a "high interest" in taking drama. We will do our best to honor as many of these requests as possible during the first and second quarters of the school year.

We have an online form that you can use to select performing arts classes at SFMS. Our aim is to have all students fill out the form as soon as possible. You can find the form at: tinyurl.com/sfms20



"We must all do theatre, to find out who we are, and to discover who we could become."

- Augusto Boal

Why Drama

Theatre is a *Science*

Theatre is *Mathematical*

Theatre is a *Foreign Language*

Theatre is *History*

Theatre is *Physical Education*

Theatre is *Business*

Theatre is *Technology*

Theatre is *Economics*

Theatre is taught in schools

Not because you are expected to major in theatre,

Not because you are expected to perform all through life,

Not so you can relax,

Not so you can have fun,

But

So you will recognize *Beauty*

So you will be *Sensitive*

So you will be closer to an *Infinite beyond this world*

So you will have more *Love*,

More *Compassion*

More *Gentleness*,

More *Good*,

In short,

More *Life*

Of what value will it be to make a prosperous living

Unless you know how to live?

That is why theatre is taught in our schools.