

Young Playwrights

Course Objectives for Students

1. To practice and develop reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.
2. To foster creative and critical thinking and the formation of new ideas.
3. To practice skills as both independent and group learners.
4. To develop and write a one act play.
5. To understand and implement the elements of drama.
5. To engage in composition based upon the writing process with a strong emphasis on revision.

Reading

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds by Paul Zindel

Technology

Students are encouraged to bring a flash drive to class and/or have access to an email account for the purpose of saving and sharing their scripts.

Special Events

September – December.....	Workshops with professional actor and professional playwright
January 18.....	Young Playwrights Mini-Festival

Evaluation/Grades

Students will be evaluated using a point scale on the following criteria:

1. Writing assignments
2. Class participation
3. Class preparation
4. Homework

Class Policies

1. Class Participation: Course work will include both independent and group work. We will emphasize respect for each other's ideas and opinions. Class participation includes listening, reflecting, and responding appropriately. Participation in and attendance at the Mini-Festival is necessary for receiving full class participation credit.
2. Homework: A student needs to have completed homework in order to fully participate in class. If homework is a continual problem, students will be required to stay after school for extra help and support. (Parents/Guardians will be given 24 hour notice if extra help and support are needed.) Failure to do homework will seriously hurt final grades. Students are strongly encouraged to come to room C-315 after school and stay if they are missing work. Students will not earn credit for homework more than one day late. Late major projects will drop one grade a day.
3. Absences: Whether a student is out due to illness, athletics, field trips, vacations, or rehearsals, it is that student's responsibility to see Ms. Salgado. If a student is absent on the day work is assigned, that student will be given a reasonable extension.

Please contact Ms. Salgado at (892-3470, ext. 7315) or esalgado@wssd.org if you have any questions/concerns. A webpage is also linked to Strath Haven Middle School's website with updated homework assignments and contact information.