

# Handbook for the Lyons Middle School Drama Program 2011 – 2012

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Welcome to Drama at Lyons Middle School! We are going to have a wonderful year creating dramatic art together. Whether you are new to drama or a seasoned thespian, there is a lot to learn and fun to be had in Drama. Please read the guidelines below and sign with your parents on the attached sheet.

## Grading:

- 70% Assessments
  - Drama production, memorization deadlines, and character analysis.
- 30% Learning Activities
  - Preparedness, classroom activities, classroom worksheets and practice periods.
- Extra credit may be granted to students based on specific extra credit projects and for attendance at outside theater productions.

## Daily Expectations:

- Be on time and prepared for class, including your materials, a pencil and a **water bottle**.
- Respect one another, our classroom, and your teacher.
- Leave all food and beverages (except water) outside the classroom.
- Have a good attitude and always be the best learner and actor possible.

## Attendance/Tardy Policy:

Students receive 10 points per day for proper preparation and participation. Any student arriving late to class (unless excused by a parent or another teacher) will have 5 points deducted. After 10 minutes (according to school policy), that student will be marked “unexcused” and the loss of all 10 points cannot be made up.

## Absence Make-up Policy:

Students will be allowed to make up 3 excused absences per quarter. Unexcused absences may not be made up. Mr. Romig and the student will work together to find an appropriate make-up assignment, usually consisting of a 1-page paper on a theater topic of Mr. Romig’s choosing. Make-up opportunities for excused absences numbering more than 3 per quarter will only be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## Leaving the Classroom:

If you must use the restroom, please choose a time that is not disruptive to the entire class. We will have a sign out sheet and students will be expected to sign in and out. Only one person may

go to the restroom at a time. If I notice an abundance of time outside the room, you may be spoken to. Drama requires your active participation, and it's important that you are here for your benefit and everyone else's.

### **Required Materials:**

Each student will be expected to have the following at every class:

- A 3-ring binder with all class handouts.
- A spiral bound notebook or notebook paper – this will be used on a daily basis to write down notes and classroom activities.
- A pencil.
- A water bottle.

### **Drama Presentation:**

#### **Attendance:**

Attendance is required at all performances and dress rehearsals! Please put the date for the drama production on your calendars now and plan accordingly. The only excuse for missing the production is severe illness or a death in your family. Unexcused absences for any other reason will result in a ZERO for the assessment grade with no opportunity to make up the points. Attendance at all performances and dress rehearsals is required to get (at minimum) a grade of "C" in the class. Please see me by the end of the third week of the semester if you have any conflicts. Attached to this packet is a written agreement that I am asking both parents and students to sign and return to me, so that I can be assured that everyone has the drama production in their yearly schedule.

#### **Performance Expectations:**

**To make every performance as successful as possible, the following expectations should be noted:**

1. Be early for the drama production! I will always tell students exactly when they need to be here.
2. Act professional on the stage at all times – you should remain in character.
3. Be proud! Performances are fun and exciting, so bring lots of friends and family!

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## Handbook Understanding and Agreement Form 2011-2012

Please fill out the Handbook Form online and submit no later than September 2, 2011. This will count as each students' first test grade. If you do not have access to the internet, please let me know and I will provide you with a paper copy.

This form can be found on the school website <http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us> under "forms". Look for "Drama Handbook", click on the link and it will take you to the agreement form.

**\*\*Before submitting the form, please make sure you have ALL performance dates written down!\*\***

### Lyons Middle School Drama Concert Calendar 2011-2012

**\*\*All events are required unless otherwise noted!!**

#### December

15 Drama Production – 7pm

#### May

9 Drama Production – 7pm

**\*\*Make sure these dates are on your calendar before you submit the online handbook agreement form!\*\***

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_