Mrs. J. Steele

E-mail: jsteele@saralandboe.org

251-602-8970

**Drama/Theatre**

Saraland High School

**Remind Information: Text: 81010 to @drama127**

**Course Description**

*Exploring Theatre* focuses on the development of the total student. This includes developing personal resources, self-confidence, the ability to work well with others, basic theatre skills, and an appreciation of theater.

**Class Rules**

* Be on time.
* Be prepared for class. This includes having paper, book, electronic device, homework, and writing utensil. **If you forget your homework, it will be considered late.**
* Remain in your seat at all times.
* Respect others.
* Speak only when you have permission.

**ALL rules in the student handbook will be carried out!**

**Cell Phones**

1st offense-student can get back at the end of the day

2nd offense-ISS for remainder of block, parent must come get phone that day

3rd offense-ISS for one day

4th offense- suspension

Student refusal to give phone to teacher- automatic defiance referral

**Dress Code**

Follow the uniform policy as stated in the student code of conduct.

**Ear Buds/Headphones**

* No ear buds/headphones are permitted in the hallways or the classroom, **unless specified by the teacher!**
* It is considered a safety issue that could potentially prevent a student from hearing an announcement or alarm.
* They will need to be in your bag, not around your neck.
* A student’s failure to comply with this rule will result a call to administration.

**Food/Drink**

Our school custodial staff works hard to maintain a certain standard of cleanliness. We honor that in our classrooms by not allowing food/drink.

* Absolutely no eating or drinking in class (not including documented medical conditions).
* All food/drink trash is to be thrown away in common areas, not the classroom. (students are permitted to have a water bottle in class)

**Tardy**

Per semester, tardiness to school or class for students 6-12 shall be addressed as follows:

4th tardy One (1) hour after school detention, parent/guardian notification

5th tardy One (1) hour after school detention, parent/guardian notification

6th tardy One (1) day in-school suspension (ISS), parent/guardian notification

7th tardy Two (2) days in-school suspension (ISS), parent/guardian notification

Each addt’l Three (3) days in-school suspension (ISS), parent/guardian notification. Subject to referral to the Early Warning

Tardy Truancy/Discipline Program

**Consequences**

* 1st offense: Verbal warning
* 2nd offense: Written reflection
* 3rd offense: Parent contact
* 4th offense: Office referral

\*These steps will be taken unless there is a major infraction. In the case of a major discipline problem, the student will automatically be written up and sent to the office.

**Bell Ringers**

* Bell ringers will be placed on the board each day for students to complete.
* Bell ringers will be checked weekly. (There will also be unannounced bell ringer checks.)
* *Students who miss class* ***must*** *complete the bell ringer they missed.* They can do this by checking Schoology or asking a classmate for the material. However, students must do this before Friday when bell ringers are due. The only exception to this is for students who miss class on the Thursday before bell ringers are due. These students will be allowed to turn in their bell ringers on Friday without having Thursday’s bell ringer written down.

**Generative Artificial Intelligence Statement**

* This course will allow—in some cases, even encourage—the use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI) techniques in some assignments. Unless otherwise indicated, the default is that this kind of use is prohibited. GAI use must be recognized and referenced. Academic misconduct will be the result of breaking this policy and could result in loss of credit for the assignment(s) as referenced in the cheating policy in the Saraland City Schools’ Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to follow the requirements of each course or assignment.

**SSR (Sustained Silent Reading)**

* Students will need to have a book of interest to read in class for 20 minutes twice a week. Assignments/projects will be assigned throughout the semester.

**Cheating**

* Cheating WILL NOT be tolerated. The school’s disciplinary policy, as listed below, will be strictly enforced. This includes plagiarism and cheating on homework, tests, projects, etc.

1st Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; parent notified

2nd Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; office referral - assigned ISS/Saturday

 School; parent notified

3rd Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; office referral - one day off-campus suspension; parent notified;

counselor informed

4th Offense Grade of zero given by teacher; office referral - two days off-campus suspension; parent notified; meeting with principal and counselor

**Due Dates**

* If a student is on campus **at any time** the day an assignment is due, the assignment must be turned in upon arrival or before dismissal. This includes school-related activities.

**Make-Up Work**

* Make-up work is the student’s responsibility. All assignments are uploaded to the Schoology platform.
* Students have **three** days total to make-up an assignment after an **excused** absence. If the student fails to make-up the assignment in the allotted time a grade of zero will then be recorded for the assignment.
* Tests and assignments can be scheduled to be made up with Mrs. Steele.
* If a student has a “1” entered as a test grade or for an assignment, the student needs to make-up that test or assignment due to an absence.

**Attendance**

* Students are allowed up to **five (5) excused absences per semester** with a written statement from a parent or guardian. The excuse shall state the reason for the absence, the date of the absence(s), and have a parent/guardian signature. When a parent/guardian has exhausted notes justifying five (5) student absences, all future absences during the semester will require a written excuse from a medical physician or clinician to be coded as excused.

**Grades**

Points will be allocated to each assignment or test; however, grades will be weighted according to the following system:

* Standard Based Assessments 60% (CPR)
* Formative Activities 40% (CPR)
* Progress reports are issued at mid-quarter if the student has a “60” or below in class or upon parent request. Parents may also access their student’s grades online through Power Schools.

**Supplies**

These items need to be brought to school every day:

* One-inch binder
* Writing utensils (pencils and pens (blue or black)
* Colored pens
* College rule paper
* Markers/colored pencils
* Sticky notes
* Highlighters (blue, green, and yellow)
* Earbuds (occasionally under teacher supervision)

Please tear off and return the bottom portion of this sheet.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:**

I am looking forward to a successful school year with you and your student. I have developed this course outline to give you an idea of what we will be covering this year. After reading the outline, please complete the information below. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at jsteele@saralandboe.org. You may also contact me through the school at 251-602-8970, and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

By signing this course outline, I am stating that I have read and will comply with all aspects of this class. This signature page is due on or before **August 12, 2024.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s signature (please print name also)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s/Guardian’s signature (please print name also)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s/Guardian’s email address