



Elementary Theatre Arts Fact Sheet

What do teachers in my area need to know?

- If you need technical theatre equipment (sound, lighting, scenery), Wake County has a stock for you to use. These materials are housed @ the Stage & Studio Warehouse – Rock Quarry Road. You will need to contact Freddie Lee Heath or Liz Grimes Droessler regarding materials to borrow.
- Please attend countywide meetings as called. We do not have many of them but when we do they are important.

Who to contact for content staff development questions?

- Theatre Arts Staff Development Chair
- Coordinating Teacher for Arts Education
- Veteran Staff

Content Resources?

- Your school may have an IRT (instructional resource teacher) or some other curriculum expert that you may utilize. If you are in a magnet school and teach electives this person should have information. If no one has the curriculum or information about your electives, check with Lisa Thompson in the magnet office of Wake County.
- If you do not have a copy of the theatre arts curriculum for your grade levels or content area, check with Freddie Lee Heath in central office. He can provide you with a copy of the curriculum, pacing guides, and other important information.

What materials/equipment should be available in your building?

- You should have some kind of budget for classroom materials
- You may have extra money from the PTA, PTO, PTSA/O, or other parent teacher student organization – if you don't, it doesn't hurt to ask.
- You should have access to basic classroom supplies. You may already have a supply of costumes, props, and set pieces, or you may have to start one yourself.
- You will need some kind of storage – especially if you don't have a classroom. Rolling cabinets work well.

Festivals

- The International Festival happens every year in downtown Raleigh. It has lots of neat international stuff – performances, dances, booths, etc. Sometimes there are puppet shows and storytelling.

Community Resources

- We have lots of community theatre and universities to explore
 - Raleigh Little Theatre (RLT)
 - Stewart Theatre (N.C. State Campus)
 - Theatre in the Park (TIP)
 - Meredith College
 - Playmakers (Chapel Hill)
 - ManBites Dog

Arts Professional organizations

- NCTAE (North Carolina Theatre Arts Educators) – this organization was started to support theatre arts educators all over the state. There is a general meeting once a year and usually one workshop of some kind for teachers to be rejuvenated.
- NCTC (North Carolina Theatre Conference) – a yearly conference held somewhere in the state. Teachers, students, actors, or anyone can attend for workshops. Students can perform. www.nctc.org

Special Events particular to your content area

- Pieces of Gold – a county wide showcase of visual and performing arts