



Middle and High School Theatre Arts Fact Sheet

What do teachers in my area need to know?

They should have a copy of the National Standards for Theatre Arts, which can be purchased for \$5.00 for the International Thespian Society, and a copy of the NC Standard course of study for Theatre Arts. Most theatre students have been made aware of these standards. All new theatre teachers should refer to them when creating lessons for the classroom. Wake County theatre teachers also put together a workbook of sample lessons.

(The National Standards and NC Standard Course of study for Theatre Arts can be found at this website: <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/curriculum/artsed/index.html>)

Who to contact for content staff development questions?

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

Content Resources?

Glencoe/McGraw Hill textbook #1-800-982-3992 - Southeast Region #1-800-338-3987
Contact Assistant Principal for textbook ordering information

What materials/equipment should be available in your building?

Fine Arts Chair in each school can make this information available to the teachers

Area Mentor/Buddy?

Assigned by the school administrator, contact veteran staff

Festivals/Contests?

The North Carolina Theatre Conference has an annual workshop in November and also hosts the fall play festival where each school may bring one one-act play to be performed in 45 minutes after which the cast receives a critique of their performance from two theatre professionals adjudicating the festival.

POG/GOG

Information is sent about Pieces of Gold auditions to each teacher every year. Teachers may nominate students in theatre, music, or dance for Governor's School. Students must pass a test to determine their eligibility as an academically gifted student before they can qualify for auditions.

Community Resources

Contact the community resource person on the staff as each school.

Arts Professional organizations/Special Events particular to your content area?

- Each school can qualify to become an active International Thespian Troupe with the initiation of 6 new members.
- Paying a school fee of \$55.00 will entitle the teacher membership and a subscription of their DRAMATICS Magazine.
- The North Carolina Theatre Conference also has a yearly fee and sends a newsletter.
- State teachers began the North Carolina Theatre Educators Association a few years ago. For a few of only \$10.00, teachers from around the state can attend enrichment workshops each fall and spring.
- Area universities and schools will offer matinee performances for students. This is a great opportunity for teacher's to take their students to see live theatre.