**Willamina Theatre Handbook 2016-2017**

Hello, and thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the performing arts program at Willamina High School for the 2016-2017 school year! Our Theatre classroom welcomes all students of various levels of experience with a positive attitude and a strong work ethic. **Thank you in advance for signing and returning this contract to Ms. Trapani by Friday, September 2th 2016.** Thank you for taking the time to read our handbook.

Sincerely,

Emily Trapani

*WHS Performing Arts Director*

1. Theatre

***Performance Requirements:*** One show per-semester

***Course Synopsis:*** Introduction to basic principles of acting and creative writing. Students will participate in a number of acting activities that introduce and further develop students’ self- confidence and awareness as an emerging performer. In addition to in class requirements, students are required to participate in the class’s performance of the semester. In the Fall, this is a one act play on a double bill.

***Pre-requisites****:* None.

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| *Assignment* | *Percentage of Grade*  |
| Attendance | 10% |
| Participation | 30% |
| Quizzes & Assignments | 20% |
| Performances | 40% |

2. Grading Policy

1.) Attendance: Our classroom is structured in such a way that your attendance/absence affects the entire classroom dynamic. For this reason, you are expected to attend every class, dress rehearsal and performance on time to receive full credit for the attendance portion of your grade in this class. Failure to attend a scheduled dress rehearsal may affect students’ ability to perform on the accompanied concert. Failure to attend a performance may result in dismissal from the program and or failure of the course for the semester.

2.) Participation: It’s Easy…

 **1**. Attend each class with a positive attitude, and willingness to work and collaborate with the rest of the ensemble in a productive manor.

 **2.** Bring materials necessary for that day’s class or rehearsal, i.e. music, pencil, notebooks, etc. and be prepared to perform, or present to the best of your ability.

 **3.** Complete in class assignments to the best of your ability in a timely fashion.

 3.) Quizzes & Homework: ***Quizzes:*** Quizzes in this course will exist in the form of informal performances. Any in class performance other than our weekly Thursday performances, and Final exam will be for a quiz grade, i.e. Pantomime small groups, monologue performances, and other small group performances throughout the semester. ***Homework:*** Students are expected to review learned material outside of class daily, when lines are assigned with memorization due dates students are penalized for not meeting them.

4.) Performances: Each class has at least one public performance per semester and an in class Final exam. In Absence from these performances may result in failure in the class or a significant drop in letter grade. *If there are any conflicts with the public performance dates, please notify Ms. Trapani at the beginning of the semester in writing.*

3. Regarding classroom etiquette:

**1**. Arrive to class in a timely fashion: to be early, is to be on time.

**2**. Be prepared to begin rehearsal with all appropriate materials before the final bell.

**3**. Exhibit respect to all people, property and policies established in my classroom at all times.

**\***If you have any questions, conflicts, or concerns regarding any of the aforementioned policies, requirements, or dates please contact Ms. Trapani immediately! **Please detach the following contract, complete and return it to Ms. Trapani by Friday, September 2nd.**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** | **Event** |
| Wednesday-Friday & Monday-Wednesday, November 9th-16th | 3:30-5:30pm | Willamina High School | H.S./M.S. Fall Theatre: Tech week |
| Thursday-Friday, November 17th-18th | 6:00pm | Willamina High School | H.S./M.S. Fall Theatre Showcase |
| April 24th-28th & May 1st-3rd | 3:30-5:30pm | Location TBD | M.S./H.S Spring Theatre: Tech Week |
| Thursday-Saturday, May 4th-6th | 6:00pm | Location TBD | M.S./H.S Spring Theatre Production |

**For updates and reminders about events follow Willamina Performing Arts on Facebook or check out our website WillaminaPerformingArts.weebly.com!**

6. Theatre: Student-Parent Contract and Information Form:

 *Please fill out and return to Ms. Trapani no later than Friday, September 2nd!*

Parent Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in volunteering for fundraisers and or field trips? Yes No

I have thoroughly read the WHS Theatre Handbook and understand all policies and

responsibilities that Ms. Trapani requires of both my student and myself to uphold the

standards of the WHS theatre program. Additionally, I recognize that my signature acts as a

written agreement to adhere to these policies in all aspects of my participation in this

organization for the entirety of the 2016-2017 school year.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for taking the time to read our handbook and policies. I look forward to working with you an your student!

Sincerely,

Emily Trapani

*WHS Performing Arts Director*

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