

Education Class Handbook

Centerstage

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Centerstage Overview

Centerstage is a program for students in grades 7-12. This class gives students the opportunity to develop and build theatre skills. Centerstage meets 9-10 times per semester. Materials covered in class span across the fine arts, giving students a well-rounded education and experience. Centerstage relies heavily on group work and collaboration with peers. Many of the activities are student driven. This class provides an excellent opportunity for students to work on social and communication skills.

General Information

Centerstage meets in the Education classrooms located in the basement of Midland Community Theatre. Students may participate in physical activities or arts and crafts. Please be sure to dress appropriately. Cell phones are allowed in the classroom, but if they become a distraction during class time they will be taken up for the remainder of class. Centerstage classes meet in the Blakemore classroom for the beginning and end of every class. Group work and projects may lead some students to other Education classrooms located in the basement.

Registration and Refund Policy

We fill classes on a first come first served basis and they usually fill up rather quickly. A student is considered registered when they have completed the registration form and paid tuition. A spot in class cannot be held without tuition payment. Also note, there are no refunds or transfers of tuition, so be sure you are ready to commit the time and money to our program.

Class Schedule

Centerstage meets on Mondays from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. This class meets for a fall semester and a spring semester.

Drop Off and Pick Up Information

The Blakemore Classroom serves as our entrance into Education Classrooms. It is located on the east side of the basement at MCT. It can be accessed through the outdoor amphitheatre and the outside glass doors. On the first day of class please accompany your student to the classroom to meet their instructors. During the rest of the semester, parents may drop students off via the parking lot or the pull through drive located on the east side of the building. Parents may also walk their child into the classroom and check them in, if they choose. If you need elevator access to our classrooms, you may

enter through the lobby doors and cross to the south side of the building to find the elevator. Our Blakemore classroom is straight down the hall once you get off the elevator. Please let us know if you need to use the elevator so we can make sure the lobby doors are unlocked. At the end of class, the teacher will walk students to the outdoor amphitheatre, located just outside of the Blakemore classroom. Students are to check out with their teacher, and then they may leave with a parent or other guardian. Parents may walk to the amphitheatre or use the pull through drive for pick up.

Observation Policy and Separation Anxiety

For Education classes, it is our policy that parents do not stay during class time. For Centerstage age students, having a parent in class may cause a stressful situation in which the student does not want to participate. There is a showcase at the end of the semester, in which students demonstrate activities and projects for parents and family members.

Showcase

On the last class day, parents and family members are invited to attend a showcase. The showcase begins at 6:30 PM and takes place in our Blakemore classroom or if space is available, in our Mabee Theatre II. This is a time parents may see what their student has been learning in Centerstage class. Once the showcase is over, students are free to leave with their parent or guardian.

Absences and Late Arrivals

Families are expected to bring students to class on time. Please inform your student's instructor in advance of any necessary absences during the semester when possible. Each class builds on skills and activities from previous classes, so a student benefits more from the class if they are present for all meeting times. Centerstage involves collaboration and group work with peers, and absences make the whole group fall behind.

Inclement Weather

If MISD has **closed** schools due to weather, the Education Department will likely not hold classes that day. Information about class cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MCTEducationDepartment.

Note, this policy applies to inclement weather only as MCT often holds classes when MISD is not in session due to student holidays, teacher workdays or student early release days.

Wellness Policy

In order to maintain a healthy environment for our campers, we ask that a child not come to Education Department classes with

- A fever of more than 100° in the past 24 hours.
- Persistent or heavy cough.
- Green/yellow mucus from eyes or nose.
- Sore throat.
- Stomach ache accompanied by vomiting or diarrhea.
- Contagious rash of any type.

Discipline Policy

Inappropriate behavior during class will result in the following course of action:

1. Student receives a verbal warning.
2. Student will be asked to sit out of the activity until the teacher invites the student to return to participate.
3. Student will be asked to leave class and report to the Education Office. The student may return to class once the problem has been resolved.
4. The Education staff and parent may determine a plan for further action if the behavior persists.

Special Needs

The Education Department will note any medical conditions or allergies a student may have. For more information regarding special needs students, contact the Education Office.

Further Questions

If you do not see the answer to a question regarding Centerstage classes at Midland Community Theatre, check the FAQs and Programs sections of the website. You may also contact the Education Office for more information.