



## Drama (Creative, Intermediate, & Advanced)

- Year-long courses (10 credits)
- Courses are A-G eligible
- Int Drama: prerequisite is Creative
- Adv Drama: prerequisite is Intermediate
- Workload:
  - **Beginning** - See description below. Students may also audition for roles in the after school opportunities for additional Play Production experience and credit.
  - **Intermediate & Advanced** - See description below. Advanced students are encouraged to audition for roles in the after school opportunities for additional Play Production experience and credit.



### Drama Courses Descriptions

**Creative Drama** introduces students to the exciting world of Drama and Performance. Drama is a way of sharing and understanding traditions, perspectives, cultures. Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through drama experiences. Drama invites students to be imaginative, creative and involved. Drama students work on improvisations, role-playing, character and scene work, mime, speech, movement, and theatre games in order to build skills in observation, listening, coordination, teamwork, cooperation and increase student's confidence. No experience is required. All you need is a positive attitude and a willingness to try. By the end of the course students will have developed skills for the stage and for life. Drama class is fun!

**Intermediate Drama** encourages creativity, innovation, and collaboration in a variety of contexts. This course is designed to educate the Drama student in a variety of contexts of the art form - improvisation, scripted drama, film projects and role work focusing on characterization, voice and movement are covered through class activities, exercises and performance work. An emphasis on script work is to be expected.

**Advanced Drama** is intended for motivated students who have a passion for Drama/Acting and want to study it intensively or for students who want to be immersed in the subject. Drama offers dynamic ways of exploring our identity and sense of belonging. Preparing a theatre production requires active engagement, resilience, and commitment. Students will work in-depth on theatre skills, performance skills, theatre history, playwriting and directing.

### What You Will Learn

Drama class offers a wealth of opportunities for skill development. You don't need to have your eye on a career as an actor, stagehand, or theater director to benefit from a drama class. Engaging in this learning experience will help you hone skills that can make you a stronger leader, a more effective professional, and even a better friend. Through creative, engaging activities, drama class helps you learn many diverse skills such as: communication (voice, tone, facial expressions, body language, speech enunciation, and pace), public speaking, confidence, creative thinking, problem solving, commitment, cooperation, collaboration, adaptability, empathy, and advanced memory skills to name a few.

### Top 5 Benefits of Taking Drama

- You will learn the significance of teamwork and how to function as a part of a team.
- You will build self-confidence. Engaging in drama enables you to build your self-esteem and confidence by acquiring poise and overcoming anxiety.
- You will learn directly how receiving helpful criticism may enhance your projects and will value the opinions of your peers, teachers, and professionals.
- You can develop your creativity and artistic talents.
- A theatre program will benefit students who see the arts as a career option rather than just a hobby. This program gives you a taste of what it's like to work in the arts.



#### From Northwood Theatre Alumni...

"I've met my second family."

"It's the most accepting environment I've ever been in."

"My favorite memories have been created under this roof."

"I realized that if I can perform like this onstage, I can accomplish literally anything in my life that I want to."

"It taught me that the show must go on. No matter how life is going, you will keep going."

"It's changed the way I define success."