Washington Township Public Schools COURSE OF STUDY – CURRICULUM GUIDE

Course: Actors' Studio

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Description: This full year course is designed for students who have taken the introductory Exploring The Theater course and wish to continue their study of performance technique. Focusing on the Stanislavski system, students will learn how to apply their personal style and experience to fully realized, well-prepared performances. Throughout the course of the year, students will have opportunities to perform both in class and in front of audiences.

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DEMONSTRABLE PROFICIENCIES

COURSE TITLE: Actors' Studio

I. CLASSWORK REQUIREMENTS

- A. Students are to participate in discussions and activities, complete any reading or writing assignments and to be responsible for any classroom materials that they use, including costumes, props, etc.
- B. Students are to complete both written and performance based assessments for each unit.

II. ATTITUDE & BEHAVIOR

A. Students will receive quarterly attitude grades which reflect creative effort, cooperation, perseverance, following directions, respect for self and others and personal growth.

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES/OVERVIEW

A. COURSE CONTENT

Students will understand and demonstrate proficiency in the Stanislavski Method of Acting. In addition to understanding the history of the Stanislavski Method, they will understand how to apply their personal experiences to a role, how to prepare a role for performance, how to incorporate their vision of a character into the shared vision of the play and how to prepare for careers in acting. Students will demonstrate an understanding of these design principals by applying them to original design concepts.

B. SKILLS

Students Will:

- 1. Effectively apply the Stanislavsky Method in preparation for a role
- 2. Develop an in-depth awareness of personal traits physical, psychological and cultural and effectively apply them to a role
- 3. Develop a personal system for warming up, relaxing and preparing to perform
- 4. Collaborate with classmates to produce fully realized performance pieces
- 5. Develop the understandings and skills necessary to successfully pursue careers as actors
- C. APPRECIATION OF CONCEPTS

Students Will:

- 1. Utilize discipline specific vocabulary in the assessment of theatrical performances
- 2. Be able to apply principles of the Stanislavski System to performances, both inside and outside of class

IV. ATTENDANCE

Attendance: Refer to Board of Education Policy

V. GRADING PROCEDURES

A. Performance based assessments will account for 60% of the marking period grade.

B. Written assessments will account for 20% of the marking period grade.

C. Homework assignments will account for 10% of the marking period grade.

D. Attitude and participation grades will account for 10% of the marking period grade.

MAJOR UNITS OF STUDY

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- I. Acting Acknowledged
- II. Relaxed Readiness
- **III. Individual Inventory**
- IV. Stanislavski's System
- V. Truth/Technique
- **VI.** Performance Process
- VII. Acting Anticipated

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Unit #: UNIT 1 OVERVIEW

Unit Title: Acting Acknowledged

Unit Description and Objectives:

Students will understand the ways in which they apply the acting techniques with which they are already familiar on a daily basis. They will explore acting as a form of "social survival" through observation, improvisation and personal assessment.

Essential Questions:	<u>Enduring</u> <u>Understandings/Generalizations</u> Students will understand <u>that</u> :	Guiding Questions
1. What types of performances do people engage in every day?	1. All people engage in specialized performance outside of the theater. These performances include disguises, alter egos and understudying as well as suppression and deception.	1.1 Have you ever been in a situation where you had to hide your feelings?1.2 Have you ever told a lie?1.3 Have you ever pretended to be something different than what you feel you really are?
2. How can the study of acting help people to navigate every day social situations?	2. The study of acting can equip people with the confidence and improvisational skills necessary to successfully navigate challenging social situations.	 2.1 What types of social situations are likely to make you uneasy? 2.2 What physical and emotional responses do you experience when you are feeling nervous? 2.3 What are some personal coping methods that you have developed for handling difficult or uncomfortable social situations?



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Unit Number/Title:	Unit 1: Acting Acknow	wledged		1.4.12.A	2			
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	•	ues are practiced offstage b	y both actors					
Conceptual Lens:	and non-actors			1.4.12.A	1			
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<u>Topics/Concepts</u> (Incl. time / # days per topic)	<u>Critical Content</u> (Students Will Know:)	<u>Skill Objectives</u> (Students Will Be Able To:)	Instructional/Learning & Interdisciplinary C	<u>g Activities</u>	Instructional Resources	<u>Technology & 21st C Skills</u> <u>Integration (Specify)</u>	<u>NJCCCS w/</u> CPI Reference	Evaluation/ Assessment:
Everyday Acting – 5 Days	Students will know;) Students will understand that all people engage in specialized performance outside of the theater. These performances include disguises, alter egos and understudying as well as suppression and deception.	Analyze the ways in which all people engage in specialized performances each day Demonstrate an understanding of the various common types of specialized performances	 Define disc specific terminolog Read and d Shakespear Seven Age as it relates specialized roles/perfo Observe se others with to specializ performand analyze in Explore sp performand through a s improvisat exercises 	cipline cy liscuss re's s of Man s to l rmances elf and a regard zed ces and writing ecialized ces series of	Acting Onstage & Off - Chapter 1	Students will collaborate with peers for meaningful discussion of related topics.	WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Written analysis of specialized performances observed in self and others

<u>Topics/Concepts</u> (Incl. time / # days per topic)	<u>Critical Content</u> (Students Will Know:)	<u>Skill Objectives</u> (Students Will Be Able To:)	Instructional/Learning Activities & Interdisciplinary Connections	Instructional Resources	<u>Technology & 21st C Skills</u> <u>Integration (Specify</u>)	<u>NJCCCS w/</u> <u>CPI Reference</u>	Evaluation/ Assessment:
Social Survival – 5 Days	Students will understand that the study of acting can provide them with the confidence and skills necessary to successfully navigate complicated social situations.	Analyze the ways in which basic acting and improvisation skills can be used to navigate challenging social situations	 Read and discuss interviews in which professional actors discuss acting as a social tool Work with a small group to identify and discuss the ways in which specific acting skills can be applied in social situations With a small group, perform an improvised performance demonstrating the ways in which specific acting skills can be applied in social situations In writing, assess the applications presented in another group's improvisation 	Acting Onstage & Off – Chapter 1	 Students will collaborate with peers for meaningful discussion of related topics. 	WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Social Situation Improvisation performance Written evaluation of another group's Social Situation Improvisation performance

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Unit #: UNIT 2 OVERVIEW

Unit Title: Relaxed Readiness

Unit Description and Objectives:

Students will learn how to prepare, physically and emotionally, for a performance. They will be able to calm their stage fright while maintaining the energy necessary for an effective performance.

Essential Questions:	Enduring Understandings/Generalizations Students will understand <u>that</u> :	Guiding Questions
1. How does a through, structured warm-up impact a performance?	1. A thorough, structured warm-up routine is essential to establishing focus and to preparing the actor's mind and body for performance.	 1.1 What exercises help you to relax your body? 1.2 What exercises help you to focus your mind? 1.3 What exercises help you to warm up your voice? 1.4 How can these exercises help you to manage stage fright?
2. Why is meditation a valuable skill for actors to develop?	2. Meditation allows actors to free their minds from distraction and focus on the task before them.	2.1 What are some of the things that might cause an actor to become distracted during a performance?2.2 How can lack of focus on the part of the actor impact the audience's experience?
3. Why are group warm-ups essential to ensemble building?	3. Group warm-ups allow the ensemble to focus their collected energy towards the achievement of a common vision.	3.1 What type of exercises are more effective when completed in groups as opposed to individually?3.2 How can improvisation be used as an effective group warm-up technique?



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Unit Number/Title:	Unit 2 – Relaxed Rea	diness	_	1.4.12.A	.4			
Conceptual Lens: Appropriate Time All	Preparing mentally ar focused performance	nd physically to give an ene	rgized and	1.4.12.B				
Days):		<u>10 Days</u>						
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Individual Warm Up – 2 Days	Warming up individually is critical to a performance in terms of preparing the body, mind and voice.	 Develop a personal warm-up routine to be used before performances Clearly articulate the benefit of step in a personal warm-up routine 	 Use online resources to research ind warm-up techniques those cover Exploring T Theater Participate demonstratinew warm- techniques Work indiv to create a p warm-up robe used prior performanc In writing, articulate th benefit of e in the warm routine and impact that on the performanc 	dividual beyond ed in The in class ions of up idually personal outine to or to es ne ach step n-up the it has	Acting Onstage & Off – Chapter 2	• Students will use online resources to research warm-up techniques	WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Written explanation of personal warm-up routine

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Group Warm Up – 4 Days	Warming up as a group is essential to ensemble building and delivering a cohesive performance.	 Develop a group warm-up routine to be used before performances Evaluate improvisation games to determine their effectiveness as warm-up activities 	 Use online resources to research improvisation games beyond those covered in Exploring the Theater Use online resources to research group warm-up activities beyond those covered in Exploring The Theater Participate in a number of improvisation games Participate in class demonstrations of new warm-up techniques In writing, articulate the effectiveness of new warm-up techniques and improvisation games 	Acting Onstage & Off – Chapter 2	 Students will use online resources to research warm-up techniques and improvisation games Students will collaborate with peers to execute group warm-up routines and improvisation games 	WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Written evaluation of warm-up techniques and improvisation games
Meditation – 4 Days	Meditation is an effective method of clearing and focusing the mind prior to a rehearsal or performance	 Understand the concepts of guided and individual meditation Engage in meaningful reflection upon the impact of meditation on the individual's performance 	 Participate in guided meditation activities Participate in in-class performances (improvisation, cold readings, etc.) and discuss how meditation prior to performance impacts the experience Engage in individual meditation and keep a journal documenting the experience 	Acting Onstage & Off – Chapter 2	N/A	WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. <u>Summative</u> <u>Assessment(s)</u> Meditation Journal

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	opportunities. The framework can be viewed here
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Unit #: UNIT 3 OVERVIEW

Unit Title: Individual Inventory

Unit Description and Objectives:

Students will evaluate their personal attributes (physical, emotional, psychological, cultural) and understand how these traits help shape them as performers.

Essential Questions:	<u>Enduring</u> <u>Understandings/Generalizations</u> Students will understand <u>that</u> :	Guiding Questions
1. Why is it important for actors to be aware of their physical habits and tendencies?	1. Actors must be aware of their physical habits and tendencies in order to either apply those attributes or consciously adjust them in order to portray a particular character.	 1.1 How do you distribute your weight when you are standing at rest? 1.2 When sitting, do you lean or cross your body in a particular direction? 1.3 Are there any gestures that you regularly use when speaking? 1.4 At what tempo do you generally walk when you are on your own? In a crowd? 1.5 What is the shape of your silhouette when sitting? Standing? 1.6 Does your physicality change when you are in public as opposed to in private?
2. Why is it important for actors to be aware of their vocal habits and tendencies?	2. Actors must be aware of their vocal habits and tendencies in order to either apply those attributes or consciously adjust them in order to portray a particular character.	2.1 Do people often express that they are having trouble understanding you speak? (too soft, too fast, etc.)2.2 How does the geographical area and culture in which you were raised impact your speech?2.3 Are there any particular words that you tend to use regularly?

		2.4 To what well known actor would you compare your speaking voice?
3. Why is it important for actors to reflect upon their past experience, personal beliefs and future goals?	3. Self-reflection gives actors a specific lens through which to view and compare the personalities, pasts, aspirations, etc. of particular characters in order to create fully realized performances.	 3.1 Which experiences from your childhood do you believe had the most lasting impression on who you are today? 3.2 How would you describe yourself as you are today? How do you think that your friends, family, classmates, etc. would describe you? 3.3 What would you like to accomplish over the course of the next five years? 3.4 What would you most like to be remembered for?



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Unit Number/Title:	Unit 3 – Individual Inv	entory		1.4.12.A.	1 1.4.12	.B.2		
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Conceptual Lens:	a action (# of			1.4.12.A.	.4			
Appropriate Time All	ocation (# 01	15 Days						
Days):		<u>15 Days</u>						
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Body Awareness – 5 Days	Actors must be aware of their physical habits and tendencies in order to either apply those attributes or consciously adjust them in order to portray a particular character.	 Demonstrate an awareness of their own physical habits and tendencies Evaluate a peer's physical habits and tendencies 	 Define discipline specific terminol Complete a perso assessment of ph habits and tender Work with a part provide an object point of view of physical habits a tendencies Perform a pantor which demonstra personal habits a tendencies both a and in motion In writing, evalu classmate's perso pantomime perfor Record observati personal inventor journal 	e logy onal sysical ncies ther to tive their nd mime ntes nd at rest ate a onal ormance ions in a	Acting Onstage & Off Chapter 3	Students will collaborate with peers to assess their own physical habits and tendencies	WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	Formative Assessments:•Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities.Summative Assessment(s)•Personal Inventory Journal•Personal Pantomime Performance•Written evaluation of a classmate's personal pantomime pantomime performance

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Vocal Awareness – 5 Days	Actors must be aware of their vocal habits and tendencies in order to either apply those attributes or consciously adjust them in order to portray a particular character.	 Demonstrate an awareness of their own vocal habits and tendencies Evaluate a peer's vocal habits and tendencies 	 Define discipline specific terminology Complete a personal assessment of vocal habits and tendencies Work with a partner to provide an objective point of view of their vocal habits and tendencies Perform a short voice over piece in a style that represents an archetypal character In writing, evaluate a classmate's voiceover performance Record observations in a personal inventory journal 	Acting Onstage & Off Chapter 3	• Students will collaborate with peers to assess their own vocal habits and tendencies	WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Personal Inventory Journal Voiceover Performance Written evaluation of a classmate's voiceover performance
Personal Awareness – 5 Days	Self-reflection gives actors a specific lens through which to view and compare the personalities, pasts, aspirations, etc. of particular characters in order to create fully realized performances.	 Demonstrate an awareness of their personal history, personality traits, aspirations, etc. Evaluate the ways in which these traits impact performances 	 Complete a personal assessment of past, present, future goals, personality traits Participate in a number of in-class performances (improvisation, cold readings, etc.) and evaluate how personal traits impact performances Record observations in personal inventory journal 	Acting Onstage & Off — Chapter 3	•	WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Personal Inventory Journal

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Unit #: UNIT 4 OVERVIEW

Unit Title: <u>Stanislavski System</u>

Unit Description and Objectives: Students will understand the Stanislavski Method of character development and apply it to a performance in a scripted piece of theater.

Essential Questions:	Enduring	Guiding Questions
	Understandings/Generalizations	
	Students will understand that:	
1. Who was Constantin Stanislavski?	1. Constantin Stanislavski was a Russian actor, director and teacher who co-founded the Moscow Art Theatre and created the most commonly used method of character development.	1.1 What is the history of the Moscow Art Theatre?1.2 What theatrical experiences helped Stanislavski shape The Method?
2. What is the Stanislavski Method?	2. The Stanislavski Method places emphasis on first making a psychological connection to the character and allowing the physicality to follow.	 2.1 How can an actor apply the Stanislavski method during the rehearsal process? 2.2 What questions must an actor ask themselves in order to make a psychological connection with their character? 2.3 Why are some theater artists opposed to the Stanislavski Method?



Course Title/Grade:					Primary Core Content Standards referenced With Cumulative Progress Indicators				
Unit Number/Title:	Unit 4 – Stanislavski S			1.1.12.C.	1 1.4.12	.A.1 1.4.12	2.B.2		
Conceptual Lens: Appropriate Time All Days):	developed The Stanis methods of character ocation (# of	or and teacher Constantin S slavski Method, one of the r development. <u>40 Days</u>	nost popular	1.1.12.C.	21.4124	4.A.			
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Constantin Stanislavski 5 Days	Constantin Stanislavski was a Russian actor, director and teacher who co-founded the Moscow Art Theatre and created the most commonly used method of character development.	• Demonstrate a working knowledge of Constantin Stanislavski's career and the Moscow Art Theatre	 View and discuss about the life and of Constantin Stanislavski Use online resour research recent p completed at The Moscow Art The In writing, repor Moscow Art The evaluate the way which current pr reflect its roots i Stanislavski Sys 	d career arces to projects e eatre t on the eatre and /s in rojects n The	Acting On Stage & Off – Chapters 4 & 5	• Students will use online resources to research the Moscow Art Theatre	RIGr11-12.1 RIGr11-12.2 WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Moscow Art Theatre Report 	

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The Stanislavski Method – 35 Days	The Stanislavski Method places emphasis on first making a psychological connection to the character and allowing the physicality to follow.	• Demonstrate an understanding of the Stanislavski Method by applying its principles to a fully realized performance in front of an audience	 Define discipline specific terminology Use online resources to research support and opposition for The Stanislavski Method from professional actors and directors Apply the principles of the Stanislavski Method in rehearsal for and performance of a scripted piece of theatre Reflect on the application of The Stanislavski Method in an acting journal 	Acting Onstage & Off – Chapters 4 & 5 Instructor Selected Play	 Students will collaborate with their peers to create a fully realized piece of theatre to be performed in front of an audience Students will use online resources to research support and opposition for the Stanislavski Method 	RIGr11-12.1 RIGr11-12.2 WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Acting Journal Final performance in front of an audience

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Unit #: UNIT 5 OVERVIEW

Unit Title: <u>Truth/Technique</u>

Unit Description and Objectives:

Students will learn specific acting techniques that will allow them to balance spontaneity with consistency in their performances.

Essential Questions:	<u>Enduring</u> <u>Understandings/Generalizations</u> Students will understand <u>that</u> :	Guiding Questions		
1. Why is it important for an actor to be consistent in their performances?	1. Actors must achieve consistency because their performances are part of a large, shared vision. Many other elements of the production depend upon certain consistencies in each performer.	 1.1 Other than actors, who is involved in the actual performance of a play? 1.2 How are the other members of a production team impacted when an actor is inconsistent in their performance? 		
2. How can actors achieve the "illusion of the first time" in their performances?	2. Actors can apply improvisation techniques as well as careful, specific preparation in order to achieve the "illusion of the first time."	2.1 Why is it important for both the actor and the audience that each performance feel as though it is happening for the first time?2.2 Which improvisation games focus on skills that can be applied to the rehearsal and performance process?2.3 What physical and mental exercises can actors do to help their performances feel and appear fresh each time?		



Course Title/Grade: Unit Number/Title: Conceptual Lens: Appropriate Time All Days):	mber/Title: Unit 5 – Truth/Technique Actors must find a comfortable balance between consistency		Primary 1.1.12.C. 1.4.12.A.	2	Standa <u>1.4.12.</u> <u>1.4.12.</u>	A.4	Cumulative	Progress Indicators	
<u>Topics/Concepts</u> (Incl. time / # days per topic)	<u>Critical Content</u> (Students Will Know:)	<u>Skill Objectives</u> (Students Will Be Able To:)	Instructional/Learning A & Interdisciplinary Con		Instructional Reso	urces	<u>Technology & 21st C Skills</u> <u>Integration (Specify</u>)	NJCCCS w/ CPI Reference	Evaluation/ Assessment:
Spontaneity & Consistency – 40 Days	 It is vital to the success of a production that actors have elements of consistency in their performances In order to give an entertaining and honest 	 Assess warm-up, improvisation and rehearsal techniques to determine effectiveness in achieving spontaneity and/or consistency Apply new knowledge to the process of rehearsing 	 Define discipline specific terminolo Review warm-up routines, improvis activities and rehe techniques to dete whether or not the be effective in ach spontaneity and/o consistency in performance 	bgy sation earsal ermine e would hieving	 Acting On & Off – Chapter 6 Stop The Show! By Schreiber Instructo Selected I 	v Brad	• Students will collaborate with their peers to create a fully realized theatrical performance in front of an audience	RIGr11-12.1 RIGr11-12.2 WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	Formative Assessments: • Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities.

 performances In order to give an entertaining and honest performance, actors must be able to create the illusion of experiencing the action of the play for the first time during each performance. In writing, evaluate the effectiveness of spontaneity/ consistency techniques as they relate to the student's experience in the class performance piece 	 Read and discuss selections from Stop The Show! highlighting the impact of inconsistent performances on the overall production Apply new knowledge to the process of rehearsing 	Selected Play	audience	discussions and activities. Summative <u>Assessment(s)</u> • Acting Journal • Final performance in front of an audience
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	opportunities. The framework can be viewed here www.udlguidelines.cast.org

Course Title: Actors' Studio

Unit #: UNIT 6 OVERVIEW

Unit Title: Performance Process

Unit Description and Objectives:

Students will develop a deeper understanding of what is required for a meaningful collaboration between the cast, director and design team.

Essential Questions:	<u>Enduring</u> <u>Understandings/Generalizations</u> Students will understand <u>that</u> :	Guiding Questions
1. Who must be involved in the successful production of a play?	1. The successful production of a play requires meaningful collaboration between the actors, director and designers.	1.1 What are the responsibilities of the director throughout the production process?1.2 What are the responsibilities of the cast throughout the production process?1.3 What are the responsibilities of the designers throughout the production process?
2. What elements are required in order to achieve successful collaboration between the cast, director and design team?	2. Successful collaboration is dependent upon clear communication and commitment to a shared vision.	2.1 Who is responsible for establishing the overall vision of the play?2.2 Who is responsible for realizing each element of the overall vision of the play?2.3 What are the most effective means of establishing open communication between all members of the production team?



Course Title/Grade:	Actors' Studio/10-12			Primary	Core Content Standa	ards referenced With	Cumulative	Progress Indicators
Unit Number/Title:	Unit 6/ Performance I			1.1.12.C.2	2 1.4.12	.A.1 <u>1.4.12</u>	.A.4	
Conceptual Lens:	production team mus shared vision for the	phesive production, all men t be committed to the realiz play.		1.1.12.C.:	3 1.4.12	.A.2 <u>1.4.12</u>	2.B.3	
Appropriate Time All Days):		<u>40 Days</u>						
<u>Topics/Concepts</u> (Incl. time / # days per topic)	<u>Critical Content</u> (Students Will Know:)	<u>Skill Objectives</u> (Students Will Be Able To:)	Instructional/Learning & Interdisciplinary Co	<u>g Activities</u> onnections	Instructional Resources	<u>Technology & 21st C Skills</u> <u>Integration (Specify</u>)	NJCCCS w/ CPI Reference	Evaluation/ Assessment:
Production Roles/Responsibilities & Meaningful Collaboration – 40 Days	 The successful production of a play requires meaningful collaboration between the actors, director and designers. Successful collaboration is dependent upon clear communication and commitment to a shared vision. 	 Demonstrate an understanding of the many responsibilities associated with a full theatrical production Work effectively as part of a production team to produce a fully realized, scripted theatrical production Engage in meaningful reflection upon collaboration with peers to produce a theatrical production 	 Define discipling specific termino Research and disresponsibilities of member of the production team Effectively colla with a director, of and cast member of the produce a fully rescripted theatrice performance Reflect upon new experiences and collaboration in acting journal 	logy scuss the of each aborate designers rs to realized, al	 Acting Onstage & Off – Chapter 8 Instructor Selected Script 	 Students will use online resources to research production team responsibilities Students will collaborate with their peers to produce a fully realized theatrical production 	RIGr11-12.1 RIGr11-12.2 WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Acting Journal Final performance in front of an audience

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	viewed here www.udlguidelines.cast.org	

Course Title: Actors Studio

Unit #: UNIT 7 OVERVIEW

Unit Title: Acting Anticipated

Unit Description and Objectives:

Students will develop a deeper understanding of the career options available to actors and will begin setting personal goals moving forward in their study of theater performance.

Essential Questions:	<u>Enduring</u> <u>Understandings/Generalizations</u> Students will understand <u>that</u> :	Guiding Questions
1. Why is it important for actors to continue training as they move forward with their careers?	1. Actors must continue training in order to become familiar with evolving techniques and to stay in the practice of collaborating with other artists.	 1.1 Which methods do actors study outside of The Stanislavski Method? 1.2 After college, where can actors go to find valuable training opportunities? 1.3 What are the benefits of pursuing a college degree in performance?
2. What is required of an actor in order to pursue their art professionally?	2. Professional actors must be willing and able to perform a wide variety of roles in a wide variety of venues.	2.1 What process must an actor go through in order to be hired for a job?2.2 What resources are available to help actors find jobs?2.3 Outside of traditional theater, what type of employment opportunities are available to trained actors?



Course Title/Grade:	Actors' Studio/10-12	Primary Core Cont	ent Standards reference	d With Cumulative	Progress Indicators
Unit Number/Title:	Unit 7 – Acting Anticipated	1.4.12.B.2	1.1.12.C.2		
Conceptual Lens:	Actors who wish to pursue their art as a profession must be lifelong learners with a deep commitment to their work.	1.4.12.A.2			
Appropriate Time All	ocation (# of				
Days):	<u>10 Days</u>				

Topics/Concepts (Incl. time / # days per topic)	<u>Critical Content</u> (Students Will Know:)	<u>Skill Objectives</u> (Students Will Be Able To:)	Instructional/Learning Activities & Interdisciplinary Connections	Instructional Resources	<u>Technology & 21st C Skills</u> <u>Integration (Specify</u>)	<u>NJCCCS w/</u> CPI Reference	Evaluation/ Assessment:
Further Training – 5 Days	Actors must continue training in order to become familiar with evolving techniques and to stay in the practice of collaborating with other artists.	 Assess the potential value of further acting training based on specific research Identify topics in acting for further study 	 Research and report on the theater performance program at an accredited college or university Research and discuss alternative methods of acting and local classes that focus on each 	 Acting Onstage & Off – Chapter 9 	• Students will use online resources to research opportunities for further acting study	RIGr11-12.1 RIGr11-12.2 WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	 Formative Assessments: Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) Acting Program Presentation

<u>Topics/Concepts</u> (Incl. time / # days per topic)	<u>Critical Content</u> (Students Will Know:)	<u>Skill Objectives</u> (Students Will Be Able To:)	Instructional/Learning Activities & Interdisciplinary Connections	Instructional Resources	<u>Technology & 21st C Skills</u> <u>Integration (Specify</u>)	NJCCCS w/ CPI Reference	Evaluation/ Assessment:
Professional Acting – 5 Days	Professional actors must be willing and able to perform a wide variety of roles in a wide variety of venues.	 Perform an appropriate audition monologue modeling standard audition procedure Identify potential career options for trained actors Demonstrate an understanding of the requirements of a professional actor 	 Use online and print resources to research potential career options for trained actors Interview a working actor and report on their experiences, training, etc. Perform an appropriate audition monologue modeling standard audition procedure In writing, evaluate a classmate's audition performance 	 Acting Onstage & Off – Chapter 9 Various casting/career publications 	• Students will use online resources to research career options for trained actors	RIGr11-12.1 RIGr11-12.2 WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	Formative Assessments: • Formative evaluation will be based on student effort and participation in in-class discussions and activities. Summative Assessment(s) • Audition Monologue Performance • Written evaluation of a classmate's audition performance

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CROSS-CONTENT STANDARDS ANALYSIS

 Course Title:
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 Grade:
 10-12

Unit Title:	Visual and Performing Arts	Comp. Health & Physical Ed.	English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	World Languages	Technology	21 st Century Life & Careers
			WGr11-12.4						9.1.12.C.4
Acting		2.5.12.B.3	SLGr11-12.1						9.3.12.C.3
Acknowledged	1.1.12.A.3	2.5.12.B.2	WGr11-12.10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.1.12.A.1	9.1.12.F.2
			WGr11-12.7						
		2.5.12.B.3	WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4					8.1.12.A.3	9.1.12.C.4
Relaxed		2.5.12.B.3	SLGr11-12.1					9.1.12.A.1	9.1.12.C.4 9.3.12.C.3
Readiness	1.1.12.A.3	2.5.12.A.4	WGr11-12.10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1.8.A.5	9.3.12.C.3 9.1.12.F.2
Reduiriess	1.1.12.A.J	2.5.12.B.3	WGr11-12.10	N/A	N/A		N/A	0.1.0.A.J	9.1.12.C.4
Individual		2.5.12.B.2	SLGr11-12.1						9.3.12.C.3
Inventory	1.1.12.A.3	2.5.12.A.4	WGr11-12.10	N/A	N/A	6.1.12.D.14.F	N/A	9.1.12.A.1	9.1.12.F.2
inventory	1.1.12.7.0	2.0.12.70.4	RIGr11-12.1	14/7 (0.1.12.0.14.1	N/A	0.1.12.7	0.1.12.1.2
			RIGr11-12.2						
			WGr11-12.7						
			WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4						9.1.12.C.4
		2.5.12.B.3	SLGr11-12.1					8.1.12.A.3	9.1.12.C.5
Stanislavski		2.5.12.B.2	WGr11-12.10					9.1.12.A.1	9.3.12.C.3
System	1.1.12.A.3	2.5.12.A.4	WGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	N/A	N/A	6.1.12.D.14.F	6.2.12.D.4.K	8.1.8.A.5	9.1.12.F.2
System	1.1.12.A.3	2.3.12.8.4	RIGr11-12.1	N/A	N/A	0.1.12.D.14.F	6.2.12.D.4.K	0.1.0.A.5	9.1.12.1.2
			RIGr11-12.2						
			WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8						
		2.5.12.B.3	WGr11-12.4						9.1.12.C.4
		2.5.12.B.3 2.5.12.B.2	SLGr11-12.1					8.1.12.A.3	9.1.12.C.5
		2.5.12.B.2 2.5.12.A.4	WGr11-12.10					9.1.12.A.1	9.3.12.C.3
Truth/Technique	1.1.12.A.3	2.3.12.A.4	WGr11-12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2.12.D.4.K	8.1.8.A.5	9.1.12.F.2
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			RIGr11-12.2						
			WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8						
			WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4						9.1.12.C.4
		2.5.12.B.3	SLGr11-12.1					8.1.12.A.3	9.1.12.C.5
Performance		2.5.12.B.2	WGr11-12.10					9.1.12.A.1	9.3.12.C.3
Process	1.1.12.A.3	2.5.12.A.4	WGr11-12.10 WGr11-12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2.12.D.4.K	8.1.8.A.5	9.1.12.F.2
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		2.5.12.B.3 2.5.12.B.2	RIGr11-12.1 RIGr11-12.2 WGr11-12.7 WGr11-12.8 WGr11-12.4 SLGr11-12.1 WGr11-12.10					8.1.12.A.3	9.1.12.C.4 9.3.12.C.3 9.3.12.C.6 9.3.12.C.3 9.2.12.A.1
Acting Anticipated	1.1.12.A.3	2.5.12.A.4	WGr11-12.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.1.8.A.5	9.1.12.F.2

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