



# Drama Learning Center

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## Teaching Young Actors - Expectations

### About Teaching Young Actors (TYA):

TYA is Drama Learning Center's teen professional company. The TYA class is available by audition only. TYA members should be committed to learning and improving drama skills, backstage skills, and audition techniques, as well as working with an ensemble to create a professional quality production. Company members will work with local theatre professionals and be seen as ambassadors for the Drama Learning Center. Potential future employment/apprentice opportunities exist for those company members interested in teaching and directing children's productions at the DLC.

### TYA's Expectations

(Not complying with TYA expectations will result in a suspension or expulsion from the company.)

#### ATTENDANCE:

- Students will come to rehearsal on time and prepared to focus. We will begin promptly at time listed. Excessive lateness will affect TYA standing.
- Students must be at all rehearsals. Rehearsals can be missed only in the event of a previously scheduled approved conflict or in the case of illness or emergency. If a student misses a rehearsal because of illness they must call or email the director prior to the start of rehearsal.
- Company members are allowed only TWO excused absences for regularly scheduled classes and ONE excused lateness/early departure. Junior Company Members are allowed only ONE excused absence for regularly scheduled classes and ONE excused lateness/early departure. No tech week or performance conflicts are permitted.

#### MATERIALS/CLASSWORK:

- Students will come prepared to class with lines memorized and with all necessary materials (binder, script, pencil, highlighter, labeled water bottle, **recording device**).
- Students are expected to come to each rehearsal in proper attire (clothes appropriate for dancing) and with **proper shoes** (jazz sneakers or character shoes).
- Students will take accurate blocking and character notes during rehearsal and be willing to complete small homework assignments when assigned by the director.
- Students are expected to record music rehearsals in order to practice at home.

**TEAM BUILDING:**

- Students are expected to volunteer some time to help during tech weeks for other shows and usher for DLC productions if the student is interested in future counseling positions.
- Junior Company members are required to usher for Company shows, and Company members are required to attend Junior showcase.
- Students are required to attend at least 1 team-building activity per session.
- Students will be expected to have a TYA uniform: khaki pants, black shoes, black socks. TYA shirts will be available to purchase to complete the uniform. (More info to follow)

**CONDUCT**

- TYA students will conduct themselves at rehearsals and elsewhere with honesty, respect, kindness, integrity, and a sense of pride for DLC, each other, and their community.
- All students will follow dress code: No low cut shirts or short skirts/shorts.
- TYA members commit to being drug and alcohol free.
- Lack of focus and profane language will not be tolerated. Excessive behavior problems will affect TYA standing.

**ASSESSMENTS:**

TYA members agree to undergo a mid-term assessment if necessary and if expectations are not being met, will be asked to leave the group.

(Please turn in bottom portion to director at auditions.  
Please keep above portion for your records.)

I have read and understand all TYA expectations.

Student SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

