

**Murrieta Valley Unified School District**  
**High School Course Outline**  
**February 2013**

**Department:** Visual and Performing Arts

**Course Title:** Drama I

**Course Number:** 6500

**Grade Level:** 9-12

**Length of Course:** One Year

**UC/CSU (A-G) Requirement:** F

**Course Description / Goals:**

I. Artistic Perception Component:

- A. Students will experience the environment and respond using movement and voice.
- B. Students will experience informal productions, theatrical productions, films and electronic media and respond to them, using the vocabulary and language of the theater.

II. Creative Expression Component:

- A. Students will experience knowledge and skills in acting and directing through their own experience and imagination as well as through their research of literature and history.
- B. Students will experience the elements and technology of theater production through varied media.
- C. Students will experience scripts based on heritage, imagination, literature and/history.

III. Historical and Cultural Context Component:

- A. Students are introduced to researching relationships between theater, history, and culture.
- B. Students are exposed to major themes and historical periods and styles of theater in different cultures.

IV. Aesthetic Valuing Component:

- A. Students are introduced to judging and evaluating informal and formal productions.
- B. Students are introduced to evaluating film or other media.

V. Connections, Relationships and Applications Component:

- A. Students will be introduced to skills that can be used in theater.
- B. Students are exposed to skills that they can use in other courses and career paths.

VI. Assessment:

- A. Teacher observation of day to day classroom participation, effort behavior and achievement.
- B. Individual tests, projects and performance.
- C. Final assessment/performance

VII. Resources:

- A. Caltagirone, Dennis *Theatre Arts: Dynamics of Acting*, Lincolnwood, Illinois, National Textbook Company, 1997.
- B. Taylor, Robert, Strickland, Bob *Theatre Art in Action*, Lincolnwood, Illinois, National Textbook Company, 1999.
- C. Varied scripts, plays, collection of monologue and scene work books.