



Theatre Festival 2020 Info & Permission Slip

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What. The Illinois High School Theatre Festival is the largest organized theatre event for high school students in the United States. As such, it's a GREAT opportunity for your students to attend theatre workshops run by professionals, watch high quality theatrical productions from other schools, audition for university theatre programs, and network with professionals as well as students interested in the field.

Where. Illinois State University ☐ Bone Student Center, 100 N University St, Normal, IL 61761

When. January 9-11, 2020

Thursday, January 9th ☐ Leave DGS Midday – 7:00pm (Hotel Stay – Night 1)

Friday, January 10th ☐ 7:30am – 11:00pm (Will miss school; Hotel Stay – Night 2)

Saturday, January 11th ☐ 8:30am – 4:00pm (return to DGS by early evening)

Who. Up to 27 DGS Drama students on a first-come/first-served basis.

Transportation/Chaperones

- Students will be transported from DGS to the Festival via bus on January 9th. We will stay overnight that night, as well as on the 10th. On the 11th, students will be transported back via bus to DGS by early evening.
- As per Festival rules, there will be one adult for every nine students. All chaperones are Drama faculty/staff who are familiar with both the students and the Festival

COSTS & FORMS FOR REGISTRATION (DUE BY DRAMA MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9th)

- **\$55 for Registration** (please contact Ms. Rubin/Mr. Haywood if you have concerns about this cost)
- Theatre Fest Medical Form (attached)
- DGS Field Trip Permission Form (attached)

HOTEL COST (DUE BY NOVEMBER 11th)

- Approx. \$65 for Hotel stay
- Hotel: Parke Recency Hotel. 1413 Leslie Dr, Bloomington, IL 61704

COSTS NEEDED FOR THE FESTIVAL (JANUARY 2020)

- Money for 4 meals in January (dinner on Thursday, lunch and dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday)
- Money for Theatre Fest gear: t-shirts, etc. (optional)

****Students will be eating at restaurants close to the ISU campus**

****Make checks payable to Downers Grove South High School (put "Theatre Fest" in the memo)**

WHAT TO BRING:

- Enough WARM clothes for the weekend. You will be walking across campus frequently.
- **Money for food and festival gear.** The hotel may have a hot breakfast, but if you want to bring granola bars or other snacks to eat instead or to use throughout the day, that is recommended. For the other meals, there are restaurants on campus or near campus where you can purchase food and other restaurants off-campus within walking distance.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- You will be sharing rooms with 2-3 other people. The sponsors decide on those arrangements. We will not be in the hotel a lot (except for Thursday evening) so plan accordingly.
- Once curfew is set, you are to stay in your hotel rooms without leaving. Violation of this will result in major consequences. No alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances will be allowed.
- **Thursday-** we will arrive at the hotel, check-in and head to ISU to check-in at the Festival. We will all attend an opening program together (we are still waiting to hear which program). We'll head back to the hotel afterward and divvy up our show tickets and eat dinner.
- **Friday-** We'll arrive at the festival between 8 and 8:30. You will decide which workshops you wish to attend between the shows you have opted to see. If you want to swap out your show tickets for a different show, there will be a swap desk where you can do so both Friday and Saturday. Friday night, you will attend one of the student social events from 10:00- 11:45 pm. Then, we'll all head back together to the hotel. Prepare to eat lunch on your own and – if everyone agrees – dinner together.
- **Saturday-** We'll arrive at the festival around 9:30 and attend more workshops and see more shows. Lunch will be on your own.
- On Friday or Saturday, we will attend the All-State production of *Aida* together. You'll work your workshop and play schedule around this.