

GLENFIELD THEATRE

Opportunities for all

The Glenfield Drama Program has opportunities for beginning and more experienced students. All theater classes at Glenfield include study of a theatre space (ex: parts of a theater, stage directions), improvisation, and theatre games. Classes are collaborative and ensemble-based. We work as a team to create art.

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6th Grade Acting

Half year (Acting), or Full year (CI Acting)

Students learn basic theory of acting. Beginning with pantomime and “open” scenes, actors get to learn how to create character and script analysis. Group scenes are used, featuring folktales and fairytales, as well as partner scenes from 20th century plays.



7th Grade CI Acting

Full year Course

Classes build on the basic principles of acting and the creative process introduced in 6th Grade. These skills (including expansion of improvisational skills, action and text analysis, character analysis and transformation, etc.) are focused toward vocal and physical scene creation, including: Radio plays, advanced pantomime scenes, monologue writing, and interview theatre.

8th Grade CI Acting

Full year Course

The 8th grade acting class is a study of Period Styles. There is an emphasis in the training on effective vocal techniques and the use of imagery to create a role psychologically and physically. The history of each time period is discussed, as well as the specific elements of the acting craft. Periods studied include: Greek, Commedia Dell'Arte, Renaissance/Elizabethan, 20th Century Absurdism, as well as contemporary plays.

Tech Crew

Full year Course

This class provides hands-on instruction in all elements of technical theatre, including: scenic construction, lighting, sound, house management, costumes & makeup. Students in this class provide support for all Glenfield Performing Arts events throughout the school year.

Musical Production

Full year Course

Admission by Audition ONLY

This class prepares the school musical. In a typical year, over 140 students audition to be a part of the musical (due to space constraints, less than 1/2 will be accepted). Once accepted into the class, students audition for specific roles in the show. We spend October–April preparing the songs, dances, scenes, and various other elements that come together to create our performance.



Commonly Asked Questions

- **Question: When are the auditions for Acting Classes?**

Answer: Auditions for incoming 6th graders are held in the spring. Staff will visit each of the elementary schools. Please contact the school for specific dates. Any student that misses the audition date can make an appointment to audition.

- **Question: When are the auditions for Musical Production class?**

Answer for Incoming 5th Graders: Auditions are held during spring auditions at the elementary schools.

Answer for 6th & 7th Graders: Auditions are held during the months of May & June. Specific dates will be shared with all students through AM announcements and house emails.

- **Question: When are the performances and how do I get tickets?**

Answer: Please check the district calendar at www.montclair.k12.nj.us for the performance dates. Tickets can be acquired online at glenfieldms.booktix.com and are also available at the door the night of the performance.

- **Question: My child wants to participate in the Spring Musical, but was not accepted into the Musical Production class. How can they get involved?**

Answer: There are three classes that support the musical in different ways. CI Costume Design is open to all students (9th period, 3rd Marking Period), Behind the Scenes (7th grade, Full Year) is for 7th grade students only, and CI Tech Crew (8th grade, Full Year).

