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General Information

Middle School Theatre Auditions

- All students interested in Apex Arts must complete an online application [here](#).
- All applicants must complete an audition to be considered for the program.
- Audition appointments will be automatically scheduled by the application system. Please plan accordingly.
- All applicants must pass the auditions and meet academic requirements to be eligible for the lottery.
- All students expressing interest in Apex Arts are highly encouraged to audition, regardless of previous training or experience level.

Acting Audition Components

An acting audition consists of:

- **Memorized Monologue**
 - Your monologue should be fully memorized and rehearsed.
 - **Prepare a spoken introduction** that includes your name, the play title, the character name, and the playwright. Example: "I am Joe Smith, and I am performing a monologue from Cat on Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams as the character Brick."
 - Time your monologue, without rushing, and edit it to be **one minute in length**.
 - Bring a copy of your monologue to your audition in case you need to refer to it.
- **Audition Prompt: Improv Activity**
 - Nothing needed besides your imagination!
 - Be prepared to engage in an activity on the spot
 - Examples: One-word story improv, a collaborative storytelling game, etc.

- **Interview**

- Be prepared to discuss your interest in Apex Arts, your interest in theatre and acting, and your potential as an artist.

Scoring Criteria

Monologue

- **Focus:** Clearly establishes and maintains focus and is in character throughout the performance.
- **Movement:** Uses organic movement, posture, and gesture to develop and maintain character throughout the performance.
- **Voice:** Uses appropriate diction, projection, rate, pitch, and vocal variety to develop and maintain character throughout the performance.
- **Storytelling:** Accurate memorization of monologue, correct pronunciation, literal and implied meaning, and a strong willingness to engage the audience.
- **Overall Impact:** Performance is confident, believable, passionate, bold, creative, and engaging. Demonstrates the ability to take creative risks.

Improv Activity

- **Commitment:** full commitment to the activity with their body, voice, and imagination.
- **Connection:** listens to other participants, working with them to create a scene, not talking over one another, and making eye contact.
- **Specificity:** clear and distinct choices continually within the realm of the selected activity.
- **Generosity:** Engages with other participants openly and generously, shares the “spotlight” with others.
- **Overall:** Great enthusiasm and energy, interest in collaboration, ability to take risks.

Middle school applicants must score at least an average score of 6 on their audition AND meet academic requirements to be eligible for this program.

Recommendations for Preparation

- Visit www.aacps.org/apexarts for more information about Info Sessions, Workshops, applications, and auditions.
- See your school counselor for assistance with the application or for more details about the academic requirements.
- Fully memorize your monologue and practice performing it in front of different people.
- Come prepared to discuss your interest in the Theatre program.
- Contact the Apex Arts Office with any specific questions you may have.
- ***Sí necesita una explicación en español de los requisitos, llame a José al 410 533 4815***