

2019-2020 TAYLOR PLAYMAKER BYLAWS

I. Name, Purpose and Mission

- A. Taylor PlayMakers is the umbrella organization governing the extracurricular and co-curricular activities of the THS's theatre arts program.
- B. Our Mission: In partnership with parents and community, James E. Taylor High School Theatre Program and its drama club, Taylor PlayMakers are committed to providing an inclusive and safe environment which provides unparalleled learning experiences through high-quality study and practice of the theatrical arts which not only prepares students for personal and professional success by fostering creativity, problem-solving abilities, and presentation skills, but also inspires an appreciation for creating and attending theatre and a deeper understanding of the human condition within our students and audiences alike.

II. Membership eligibility

- A. Any Taylor High School student may join the PlayMakers by completely filling out the appropriate forms and paying the membership dues as stated by the faculty sponsors.
- B. The faculty sponsors reserve the right to annually reevaluate the membership eligibility requirements and change as needed in response to the changing needs of the organization.
- C. Membership will be done on a yearly basis. All students will need complete the membership process on a yearly basis.

III. Conditions of participation:

- A. The PlayMakers will follow all state laws and UIL policies regarding academic eligibility. This means that any student who receives a grade lower than a 70 on the previous six-weeks report card is not allowed to perform in cast or crew. AP, Pre AP and Dual Credit courses are exempt from this requirement per UIL rules. The student may be reinstated after three weeks when the following progress report demonstrates adequate improvement per UIL rules.
- B. A student may be removed from active participation in The PlayMakers if he/she receives two Ns or one U on a report card. The student may be reinstated into the organization once his/her report card shows satisfactory conduct and/or according to conditions per the discretion of the sponsors.
- C. A student may be removed for behavior during PlayMaker activities that is continually distracting or disturbing to others. The student will be warned of impending removal, and given the opportunity to self-correct. If distractions persist, removal will occur. The sponsors reserve the right to decide whether or not the student will be reinstated and under what conditions.
- D. A student may be removed without warning if he/she commits a Level III Offense or higher. The Sponsor reserves the right to decide whether or not the student will be reinstated and under what conditions.

IV. Policies regarding PlayMaker Productions

- A. In order to participate in a PlayMaker productions, a member must:
 - 1. Audition for the cast and/or sign-up for the crew
 - 2. Attend after-school rehearsals as required by the director
 - 3. Agree to follow the production contract created for that unique production and have a parent sign the production contract.
- B. A student may be removed from a PlayMaker production if he/she:
 - 1. Is removed from the organization for a reason listed in Article III. If a student is removed from the production because he/she is removed from the organization, the director of the production is not obligated to reinstate the student into the production, even if the student is reinstated into the organization. .
 - 2. Fails to abide by the play production contract. Each production will have a rehearsal schedule and guidelines for attendance that each participant will sign acknowledging compliance.
 - 3. Has excused absences that have accumulated to an excessive amount (to be determined by the director based on: reason for absences, the size/demand of the role, the student's preparation for the role, and amount of rehearsal time left.)

V. International Thespian Society

- A. Only Taylor PlayMakers are allowed to join Taylor High School's International Thespian Society Troupe #311.
- B. PlayMakers may earn thespian points in accordance with the guidelines set forth by International Thespian Society.
- C. Students wishing to transfer points from other Thespian Troupes must provide written proof from their previous director.

VI. Letter Jacket Criteria

- A. Letter Jackets may be earned by theatre students per the Katy ISD policy. See addendum I.

VII. PlayMakers Officers

- A. Officers for Thespian Troupe #311 will be elected and preside over the Taylor PlayMakers in accordance to the bylaws of Troupe #311

VIII. Alterations and amendments to the Taylor PlayMaker Bylaws.

- A. The directors may reevaluate the Bylaws annually and make alterations or amendments for the following academic year. Members will always be made aware of any alterations of the bylaws.