

### Colorado Academic S T A N D A R D S

#### **Third Grade**

# Drama & Theatre Arts at the Arts



# Colorado Academic Standards Drama and Theatre Arts

"The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life." --Oscar Wilde

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"Too often, we glimpse the outlines of a scene and fail to notice the details that fill it in, making it truly interesting and unique." --Eric Booth

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#### Theatre Arts are Important to Life and Learning

Theatre arts are a universal force in the everyday life of people around the world. This force connects each new generation to those who have gone before. Students need theatre arts to make these connections and to express the otherwise inexpressible. Theatre, the imagined and enacted world of human beings, is one of the primary ways children learn about life – about actions and consequences, customs and beliefs, and others and themselves.

Theatre arts benefit the student because they cultivate the whole person, gradually building many kinds of literacy, including innovations in technology, while developing intuition, reasoning, imagination, and dexterity into unique forms of expression and communication. Theatre honors imagination and creativity, and students who engage in theatre benefit from learning these skills and many others that prepare them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Additionally, as they work at increasing their understanding of the challenges presented by theatre arts, they prepare to make their own contributions to the nation's storehouse of culture. The theatre process also is important for a student's individual growth. A strong and clear sense of the theatre process, which takes the creative theatrical act from inception to completion, teaches the importance of follow-through and responsibility.

Theatre arts have both intrinsic and instrumental value. That is, they have worth in and of themselves and also can be used to achieve a multitude of purposes such as to present issues and ideas, to teach or persuade, to entertain, to design, to plan, and to beautify. Students grow in their ability to comprehend their world when they learn theatre arts. As they create dances, music, theatrical productions, and visual works of art, they learn how to express themselves and how to communicate with others. Because theatre arts offer the continuing challenge of situations in which there is no standard or approved answer, those who study the arts become acquainted with many perspectives on the meaning of "artistic value." The modes of thinking and methods of theatre arts disciplines can be used to illuminate situations in other disciplines that require creative solutions. Attributes necessary to the arts such as self-discipline, collaboration, and perseverance transfer to the rest of life.

The more students live up to these high expectations, the more empowered our citizenry becomes. Indeed, helping students meet these standards is among the best possible investment in the future of not only our children, but also our country and civilization.

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#### **Standards Organization and Construction**

As the subcommittee began the revision process to improve the existing standards, it became evident that the way the standards information was organized, defined, and constructed needed to change from the existing documents. The new design is intended to provide more clarity and direction for teachers, and to show how  $21^{\rm st}$  century skills and the elements of school readiness and postsecondary and workforce readiness indicators give depth and context to essential learning.

The "Continuum of State Standards Definitions" section that follows shows the hierarchical order of the standards components. The "Standards Template" section demonstrates how this continuum is put into practice.

The elements of the revised standards are:

**Prepared Graduate Competencies:** The preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

**Standard:** The topical organization of an academic content area.

**High School Expectations**: The articulation of the concepts and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being a prepared graduate. What do students need to know in high school?

**Grade Level Expectations:** The articulation (at each grade level), concepts, and skills of a standard that indicate a student is making progress toward being ready for high school. What do students need to know from preschool through eighth grade?

**Evidence Outcomes**: The indication that a student is meeting an expectation at the mastery level. How do we know that a student can do it?

#### 21st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies: Includes the following:

#### • Inquiry Questions:

Sample questions are intended to promote deeper thinking, reflection and refined understandings precisely related to the grade level expectation.

#### • Relevance and Application:

Examples of how the grade level expectation is applied at home, on the job or in a real-world, relevant context.

#### • Nature of the Discipline:

The characteristics and viewpoint one keeps as a result of mastering the grade level expectation.

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#### **Continuum of State Standards Definitions**

#### **Prepared Graduate Competency**

Prepared Graduate Competencies are the P-12 concepts and skills that all students leaving the Colorado education system must have to ensure success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

#### **Standards**

Standards are the topical organization of an academic content area.

# Grade Level Expectations

Expectations articulate, at each grade level, the knowledge and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward high school.

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What do students need to know?

#### **High School Expectations**

**High School** 

Expectations articulate the knowledge and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being a prepared graduate.

What do students need to know?

# **Evidence Outcomes**

Evidence outcomes are the indication that a student is meeting an expectation at the mastery level.

How do we know that a student can do it?

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century and PWR Skills

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Sample questions intended to promote deeper thinking, reflection and refined understandings precisely related to the grade level expectation.

# Relevance and Application:

Examples of how the grade level expectation is applied at home, on the job or in a real-world, relevant context.

# Nature of the Discipline:

The characteristics and viewpoint one keeps as a result of mastering the grade level expectation.

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# 21<sup>st</sup> Century and PWR Skills

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#### STANDARDS TEMPLATE

**Content Area: NAME OF CONTENT AREA** 

**Standard:** The topical organization of an academic content area.

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> The P-12 concepts and skills that all students leaving the Colorado education system must have to ensure success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

### **High School and Grade Level Expectations**

#### **Concepts and skills students master:**

Grade Level Expectation: High Schools: The articulation of the concepts and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being a prepared graduate.

Grade Level Expectations: The articulation, at each grade level, the concepts and skills of a standard that indicates a student is making progress toward being ready for high school.

What do students need to know?

<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
Students can:	Inquiry Questions:
Evidence outcomes are the indication that a student is meeting an expectation at the mastery level.	Sample questions intended to promote deeper thinking, reflection and refined understandings precisely related to the grade level expectation.
How do we know that a student can	Relevance and Application:
do it?	Examples of how the grade level expectation is applied at home, on the job or in a real-world, relevant context.
	Nature of the Discipline:
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#### **Prepared Graduate Competencies in Drama and Theatre Arts**

The preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

#### Prepared Graduates:

- ➤ Use a variety of methods, new media, and technology to create theatrical works through the use of the creative process for performance, directing, design, construction, choreography, playwriting, scriptwriting, and dramaturgy
- Create drama and theatre by interpreting and appreciating theatrical works, culture, and experience through scenes and scenarios, improvisation, creating environments, purposeful movement, and research
- > Employ drama and theatre skills, and articulate the aesthetics of a variety of characters and roles
- Express drama and theatre arts skills in a variety of performances, including plays, monologues, improvisation, purposeful movement, scenes, design, technical craftsmanship, media, ensemble works, and public speaking
- Demonstrate the evolution of rehearsal and product through performance and/or production teamwork while simultaneously validating both as essential to the theatre making process
- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of theatre history, dramatic structure, dramatic literature, elements of style, genre, artistic theory, script analysis, and roles of theatre practitioners through research and application
- > Discern and demonstrate appropriate theatre etiquette and content for the audience, self, venue, technician, and performer
- Make informed, critical evaluations of theatrical performance from an audience member and a participant point of view, and develop a framework for making informed theatrical choices

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#### Standards in Drama and Theatre Arts

Standards are the topical organization of an academic content area. The three standards of drama and theatre arts are:

#### 1. Create

The creation of drama and theatre is a demonstration of learned skills in forming new theatrical works, interpreting theatrical works for performance and design, and developing characters and analyzing roles.

#### 2. Perform

The theatre process is a product of the knowledge and essential skills gained in the study of theatre toward the expression of the human experience in story, movement, speech, and staging for an intended audience.

#### 3. Critically Respond

An informed literacy, thoughtful critique, and cultural research are key aspects of theatre arts study. Responding focuses on the artistic and scientific knowledge of conventions, cultures, styles, genres, theories, and technologies needed to know better choices and best practices.

#### **Purpose of Fundamental and Extended Pathways in High School:**

In order to meet the basic needs of all students and the advanced needs of those pursuing careers in theatre, the standards review subcommittee developed *Fundamental* and *Extended* pathways.

The *Fundamental* pathway describes students who have limited interest in theatrical performance or theatre-related vocations, or whose interest lies within other aspects of theatre-related vocations, such as acoustic and structural engineering, advertising and marketing, event management, fashion design, mass communications, or publishing.

The *Extended* pathway is directed at students who intend to pursue postsecondary education or vocation in theatre, which might lead to careers in theatre education, performance, technical production, theater management, or other theatre-related areas. The expectations in the *Extended* pathway meet all of the prepared graduate competencies with a much higher degree of rigor appropriate to the expectations of postsecondary theatre opportunities.

# Drama and Theatre Arts Grade Level Expectations at a Glance

#### Standard Grade Level Expectation

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1. Create	1. Create characters
	2. Create an improvised scene
	3. Create stage environments to understand locale and mood
2. Perform	1. Perform a scripted scene
	2. Work effectively alone and cooperatively with a partner or in an ensemble
3. Critically	1. Examine the dynamic relationship among community, culture, and theatre
Respond	2. Demonstrate appropriate audience etiquette
	3. Use selected criteria to critique what is seen, heard, and understood

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# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies in Drama and Theatre Arts

The drama and theatre arts subcommittees embedded 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, school readiness, and postsecondary and workforce readiness skills into the revised standards utilizing descriptions developed by Coloradans and vetted by educators, policymakers, and citizens.

#### **Colorado's Description of 21st Century Skills**

The 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are the synthesis of the essential abilities students must apply in our rapidly changing world. Today's students need a repertoire of knowledge and skills that are more diverse, complex, and integrated than any previous generation. Drama and theatre arts are inherently demonstrated in each of Colorado's 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, as follows:

#### Critical Thinking and Reasoning

As this century progresses, it becomes clear that the world needs citizens who are able to penetrate unfolding of events and conflicts with pure thought. The greatest exercise for the development of solid rationalization and logical solution has to do with problem-solving and critical response. Whether searching for strong or better choices in production or dramatic literature, or exploring the spontaneous ingenuity of improvisation, the mind is engaged in analytic and logical examination. Through script analysis, character analysis, design interpretations, or marketing planning, the theatre student develops practical thinking skills along with the ability to respond through writing, speaking, and logical expression. Equal to the ability to develop thought through observation and the identification of substantive ethic in plot, character, or style is the mindfulness of how one's choices affect others within the theatre group and from an audience's perspective. Once the mind is engaged through decision-making in writing, directing, acting, critiquing, using mathematics in design and construction, or simply attending a performance, the theatre student is developing abilities and skills that serve society to progress and evolve, to be flexible in solving cultural conflicts, and to celebrate the uniqueness of the individuality and the common bond in humanity.

#### <u>Information Literacy</u>

Processing the awareness and demands of an ever-changing, modern world is more and more a function of an individual's ability to respond to what the world offers with one's foundation of knowledge, imagination, inventiveness, and attention to detail. The research required to master a faction of theatrical endeavor entreats the student to utilize all the sources available for study and to know the laws and limitations relevant to their audience, community, and culture. Theatrical production, as well as study in history and criticism, demands knowledge of customs, ideals, and technologies. Theatre students must use their knowledge from all other disciplines, including history, politics and social studies, mathematics and science, and media technology and mass communications in order to create and to understand their roles and created environments. These bodies of knowledge must be enhanced by skills and awareness in knowing where and how to find the information and how to discern its truth and relevance. What follows lies in knowing how to utilize the information in writing, characterization, directing, designing, and fashioning implements and environments. Theatre expresses the differences of time and cultures from all over the world and the spectrum of disciplines from all of history.

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#### Collaboration

The spirit of collaboration lives in the very heart of theatre study. Theatrical production includes a dynamic mix of all the arts – as visual art, music, dance, and literary works are all embraced to recreate stories of the human condition. The study of theatre arts is a group dynamic. To produce theatrical works requires an interaction of artists and technicians from many different disciplines. This interaction is inherently related to the interaction our young citizens will encounter in their roles as citizens. In preparation for a theatrical event, planning, staffing, and practicing are required of the entire company of actors, artisans, managers, designers, technicians, and marketing specialists. The result of this intense collaboration is an understanding and appreciation of leadership, talent, and reliability. A work of theatre for an audience is the reenactment of conflict and consequence in time and space as interpreted by the group in plot, characterization, and spectacle. This provides the essence of understanding and loving in a community bound together by language, custom, age, gender, history, race, or privilege.

#### Self Direction

The guiding lights for students of theatre are in learning the concepts of initiative and responsibility. Because of its collaborative nature and that a task must be completed on time and out of one's own initiative, theatre production is an invaluable tool for developing the personality and sense of community responsibility. Each individual finds an important place to contribute to the whole of the project, and each one learns to express himself or herself to their best sense of excellence for the good of the entire company. For personal growth, theatre equips the participant with the communication skills and the ego strength to make mature choices and evaluations. As theatre students progress from learner to leader, they have the opportunity find their gifts and individual talents. Theater students learn to rely on themselves and to trust the response of their community of artists and their audiences. To stand in the midst of fellow students, teachers, and administrators, or face an audience and deliver the fruits of their labor and study is the most internally strengthening human activity. Students of theatre can rely on this strength for self-expression and self direction, and those qualities stay with them for the rest of their lives.

#### <u>Invention</u>

Exercising the creativity and inventiveness of the human soul begins at the very first stages of theatre study and continues beyond the high school years. The actor learns to take risks in characterization and spontaneity; the writer learns to explore all possibilities of development; and the technician learns to solve all sorts of problems in nonverbal forms. Each time a theatrical production is undertaken, it is a new invention, no matter if that title has been done before or if it is an original work. The solutions to that particular production concept are inventions created to serve the performance; the particular invention may live only in the time and place for which it is created, or it may be discarded after performance - but the inventiveness and appreciation for those solutions will live on in the individual and group -each time an actor, out of technique or spontaneity, creates a personal event or interpretation, or each time an artisan creates a working piece of scenery, sound effect, implement, or environmental effect, or each time a publicist finds a new incentive for a greater audience, an invention has come to life. The appreciation of new inventions also has a place in theatre study, as the discerning theatre group always embraces the newest technologies and latest developments in theory. The skill developed in the creation of the moment, implement, or method will serve the theatre student through many years to come.

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#### **Colorado's Description for School Readiness**

(Adopted by the State Board of Education, December 2008)

School readiness describes both the preparedness of a child to engage in and benefit from learning experiences, and the ability of a school to meet the needs of all students enrolled in publicly funded preschools or kindergartens. School readiness is enhanced when schools, families, and community service providers work collaboratively to ensure that every child is ready for higher levels of learning in academic content.

#### Colorado's Description of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness

(Adopted by the State Board of Education, June 2009)

Postsecondary and workforce readiness describes the knowledge, skills, and behaviors essential for high school graduates to be prepared to enter college and the workforce and to compete in the global economy. The description assumes students have developed consistent intellectual growth throughout their high school career as a result of academic work that is increasingly challenging, engaging, and coherent. Postsecondary education and workforce readiness assumes that students are ready and able to demonstrate the following without the need for remediation: Critical thinking and problem-solving; finding and using information/information technology; creativity and innovation; global and cultural awareness; civic responsibility; work ethic; personal responsibility; communication; and collaboration.

#### How These Skills and Competencies are Embedded in the Revised Standards

Three themes are used to describe these important skills and competencies and are interwoven throughout the standards: *inquiry questions; relevance and application; and the nature of each discipline.* These competencies should not be thought of stand-alone concepts, but should be integrated throughout the curriculum in all grade levels. Just as it is impossible to teach thinking skills to students without the content to think about, it is equally impossible for students to understand the content of a discipline without grappling with complex questions and the investigation of topics.

**Inquiry Questions** – Inquiry is a multifaceted process requiring students to think and pursue understanding. Inquiry demands that students (a) engage in an active observation and questioning process; (b) investigate to gather evidence; (c) formulate explanations based on evidence; (d) communicate and justify explanations, and; (e) reflect and refine ideas. Inquiry is more than hands-on activities; it requires students to cognitively wrestle with core concepts as they make sense of new ideas.

**Relevance and Application** – The hallmark of learning a discipline is the ability to apply the knowledge, skills, and concepts in real-world, relevant contexts. Components of this include solving problems, developing, adapting, and refining solutions for the betterment of society. The application of a discipline, including how technology assists or accelerates the work, enables students to more fully appreciate how the mastery of the grade level expectation matters after formal schooling is complete.

**Nature of Discipline** – The unique advantage of a discipline is the perspective it gives the mind to see the world and situations differently. The characteristics and viewpoint one keeps as a result of mastering the grade level expectation is the nature of the discipline retained in the mind's eye.

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# 1. Create

The creation of drama and theatre is a demonstration of learned skills in forming new theatrical works, interpreting theatrical works for performance and design, developing characters, and analyzing roles.

#### **Prepared Graduates**

The preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

#### **Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Create Standard:**

- ➤ Use a variety of methods, new media, and technology to create theatrical works through the use of the creative process for performance, directing, design, construction, choreography, playwriting, scriptwriting, and dramaturgy
- > Create drama and theatre by interpreting and appreciating theatrical works, culture, and experience through scenes and scenarios, improvisation, creating environments, purposeful movement, and research
- > Employ drama and theatre skills, and articulate the aesthetics of a variety of characters and roles

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#### **Standard: 1. Create**

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Employ drama and theatre skills, and articulate the aesthetics of a variety of characters and roles

### **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

#### **Concepts and skills students master:**

1. Create characters

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<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
a. Use a variety of vocal tones and breath control to create a character's feelings and mood (DOK 1-2) b. Create a variety of human or animal characters through developmentally appropriate physical actions (DOK 1-2)	<ol> <li>Inquiry Questions:         <ol> <li>How does your voice change when your feelings change?</li> <li>How does your breath change as your emotions change?</li> <li>What parts of your body are used to portray an animal?</li> <li>What parts of your body change to portray different people?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Relevance and Application:         <ol> <li>Vocal variation is studied by a variety of mass media to create believable characters.</li> <li>Technology can assist in electronically altering vocal tone quality to produce nontraditional tonal qualities.</li> <li>Advertisers use vocal quality to focus an audience on their products.</li> <li>Understanding character movement gives insight in to what a character is feeling or who the character is.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. Emotions are the seeds of character creation.

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Standard: 1. Create

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Use a variety of methods, new media, and technology to create theatrical works through the use of the creative process for performance, directing, design, construction, choreography, playwriting, scriptwriting, and dramaturgy

### **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

#### **Concepts and skills students master:**

2. Create an improvised scene	
<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
Students can:  a. Develop through improvisation scenes with a defined beginning, middle, and end (DOK 2-3)  b. Create scenes, puppet plays, or situations with original or literary characters and settings (DOK 1-3)	Inquiry Questions:  1. Why must scenes have a beginning, middle, and end?  2. What is the idea that grabs your attention in your favorite story?  3. How do you make your scene understandable to your audience?
	<ol> <li>Relevance and Application:         <ol> <li>Improvisation is a skill used in science, music, and technology to help build the foundational blocks of discovery and scientific application such as computer software design, forensic science, scientific brainstorming, model building, simulation, and data interpretation.</li> <li>Improvisation connects drama and theatre arts skills and writing skills.</li> <li>Mass media rely upon improvisation to create television, movies, and commercial scripts.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. Improvisation equals innovation.

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**Standard: 1. Create** 

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Create drama and theatre by interpreting and appreciating theatrical works, culture, and experience through scenes and scenarios, improvisation, creating environments, purposeful movement, and research

## **Grade Level Expectations: Third Grade**

### Concepts and skills students master:

3. Create stage environments to establish locale and mood

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<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
a. Create a basic design depicting the difference between a stage environment and real environment (DOK 1-2) b. Craft set pieces such as furniture, appliances, or trees that could make up a stage environment (DOK 2-3)	<ol> <li>Inquiry Questions:</li> <li>Why is furniture set where it is in your house?</li> <li>How does the placement of items on stage affect the performers?</li> <li>How does the placement of items on stage affect the audience?</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Relevance and Application:         <ol> <li>Creators of drama and theatre utilize skills used in other creative fields such as interior design when designing for different time periods and contrasting styles.</li> <li>Imagination based on situations based on everyday life clarifies the difference between fiction and nonfiction.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Simulation software technology provides a wide variety of choices when designing stage environments.</li> </ol>
	Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. Visualization is the seed of design.

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# 2. Perform

The theatrical process is a product of the knowledge and essential skills gained in the study of drama and theatre arts toward the expression of the human experience in story, movement, speech, and staging for an intended audience.

#### **Prepared Graduates**

The preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

#### **Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Perform Standard:**

- Express drama and theatre arts skills in a variety of performances, including plays, monologues, improvisation, purposeful movement, scenes, design, technical craftsmanship, media, ensemble works, and public speaking
- > Demonstrate the evolution of rehearsal and product through performance and/or production teamwork while simultaneously validating both as essential to the theatre making process

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Standard: 2. Perform

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Express drama and theatre arts skills in a variety of performances, including plays, monologues, improvisation, purposeful movement, scenes, design, technical craftsmanship, media, ensemble works, and public speaking

# **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

#### **Concepts and skills students master:**

1. Perform a scripted scene	
<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
a. Act in a scripted scene or reader's theatre in front of an audience (DOK 1-2) b. Use basic analysis skills to perform a character within a scene (DOK 1-3)	<ol> <li>Inquiry Questions:         <ol> <li>How is acting in a scripted scene different from acting in a scene you have created yourself?</li> <li>What do you need to know about your character before you can bring him or her to life?</li> <li>What would you like your audience to know about your character?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Relevance and Application:  1. Acting connects reading and literacy skills with drama and theatre skills.  2. Movies, television shows, and even the news require the use of scripts.  3. The performance of simple scenes can be used to assess one's knowledge of a variety of subject matter.
	Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. The use of scripts is the bridge between play and structured performance.

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Standard: 2. Perform

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Demonstrate the evolution of rehearsal and product through performance and/or production teamwork while simultaneously validating both as essential to the theatre making process

### **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

#### Concepts and skills students master:

2. Work effectively alone and of	cooperatively with a partner or in an ensemble
<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
a. Accept responsibility, and demonstrate respect for others in dramatic activities (DOK 2) b. Understand time constraints (DOK 2) c. Understand stage space and proximity to other actors and set pieces (DOK 1-2)	<ol> <li>Inquiry Questions:         <ol> <li>Why is it important to consider your use of time?</li> <li>How do the skills needed to create theatre change as the size of your group changes?</li> </ol> </li> <li>How is working alone different from working with a partner?</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Relevance and Application:         <ol> <li>Time management skills are necessary in every field and provide actors with an opportunity to be self directed.</li> <li>Collaborative skills are highly valued in many fields in the workforce and can be the determining factor in a supervisor's impression of a worker.</li> <li>Appropriate personal space varies depending on culture and career contexts.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. Participating in the sharing of ideas is an exercise in collaboration and teamwork.

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# 3. Critically Respond

An informed literacy, thoughtful critique, and cultural research are key aspects of drama and theatre arts study. Responding focuses on the artistic and scientific knowledge of conventions, cultures, styles, genres, theories, and technologies needed to know better choices and best practices.

#### **Prepared Graduates**

The preschool through twelfth-grade concepts and skills that all students who complete the Colorado education system must master to ensure their success in a postsecondary and workforce setting.

#### Prepared Graduate Competencies in the Critically Respond Standard:

- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of theatre history, dramatic structure, dramatic literature, elements of style, genre, artistic theory, script analysis, and roles of theatre practitioners through research and application
- > Discern and demonstrate appropriate theatre etiquette and content for the audience, self, venue, technician, and performer
- Make informed, critical evaluations of theatrical performance from an audience member and a participant point of view, and develop a framework for making informed theatrical choices

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**Standard: 3. Critically Respond** 

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of theatre history, dramatic structure, dramatic literature, elements of style, genre, artistic theory, script analysis, and roles of theatre practitioners through research and application

# **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

#### **Concepts and skills students master:**

1. Examine the dynamic related	tionship among community, culture, and theatre
<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
Students can:  a. Identify how communities use theatre (DOK 1-2)  b. Describe how cultures shape theatrical performances (DOK 1-2)  c. Read, listen to, and tell stories from a variety of cultures, genres, and styles (DOK 1-2)	Inquiry Questions:  1. How is theatre in the United States different from other cultures? How is it similar?  2. In what ways does your community use theatre?
	<ol> <li>Relevance and Application:         <ol> <li>Awareness and analysis of cultural experiences promotes greater understanding of other cultures.</li> <li>Mass media relies on community elements to create a connection with its audience.</li> <li>Cultural awareness is a beneficial skill that aids in the understanding of one's community.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Using multimedia such as Internet, video, and print enhances our understanding of other cultures.</li> </ol>
	Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. Drama and theatre create community.

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Standard: 3. Critically Respond

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Discern and demonstrate appropriate theatre etiquette and content for the audience, self, venue, technician, and performer

# **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

#### **Concepts and skills students master:**

2. Demonstrate appropriate audience etiquette	
<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
a. Describe appropriate audience etiquette (DOK 1) b. Demonstrate appropriate etiquette through the use of body and voice (DOK 1-2)	Inquiry Questions:  1. Why is it important to demonstrate appropriate behavior?  2. What role does the audience play in a performance?  3. How does the audience's response to a performance alter the way it is performed?  4. How does audience etiquette differ in different settings?
	Relevance and Application:  1. Recognizing that good companies rely on appropriate etiquette to create their market "brand" makes one a more informed consumer. For example, computer companies that cater to a business/professional clientele rely on more formal etiquette and "branding" versus companies that cater to a younger, more relaxed clientele rely on more informal etiquette.  2. Practicing appropriate etiquette when dealing with different cultures and societies in the workforce is a necessary component of a successful employee, while inappropriate etiquette could break a business deal.  Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. A society that values appropriate audience etiquette also values civility.

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Standard: 3. Critically Respond

#### **Prepared Graduates:**

> Make informed, critical evaluations of theatrical performance from an audience member and a participant point of view, and develop a framework for making informed theatrical choices

### **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

### **Concepts and skills students master:**

3. Use selected criteria to critique what is seen, heard, and understood	
<b>Evidence Outcomes</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
Students can:  a. Critique a performance or script using pre-developed criteria (DOK 2-3)  b. Share individual feelings and opinions appropriately (DOK 2)	Inquiry Questions:  1. What do you think about when watching a performance?  2. How can watching theatre affect how you feel?  3. How do the surroundings such as sets, props, and costumes influence your opinion of a performance?
	<ol> <li>Relevance and Application:         <ol> <li>Mass media use different techniques to influence society by encouraging one to be an engaged citizen such as an active voter or community volunteer.</li> <li>Knowing that companies rely on consumers to make informed choices and spend vast resources to influence a company's outcome makes one an educated consumer.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Nature of Drama and Theatre Arts:  1. Critical evaluation is necessary in informed decision making.

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