Basic Info about the Theatre Arts Program:

Theatre Arts Classes: get trained in acting/auditioning/improvisation/ theater history/ critiquing theater/designing and building sets, etc. Meet graduation AND Cal State/UC requirement for Performing Arts, earn Saddleback College credit:

Drama 1 – Open to all. This beginning course introduces the student to theatre. The course includes theatre vocabulary, and key acting terms/phrases/processes, and introduction to the history of theater. The focus is on performance and activity, so the students will be working on scenes, workshops, and improvisation throughout the year. Students receive Fine Arts graduation credit, as well as UC/CSU Performing arts requirement (F-requirement).

- Drama 1 is an introductory class to the world of theatre. In this class, beginning Drama students will start out learning how to just stand in front of a group of people and feel comfortable. After the scariness of that wears off, they begin learning about the basic vocabulary of theatre, stage directions, theatre etiquette, audience etiquette, the skills of improvisation, and introduction to theatre history. This is a performance-based class, so students are expected to perform in short scenes (1-3 minutes) for which they select a scene from a theatre scene book, memorize, and rehearse it. After they perform for their classmates, they receive constructive criticism from their peers and the teacher in order to further develop their acting skills. Students leave Drama 1 with new levels of confidence, improved poise, the ability to project their voice and express themselves through body language. For many, after their first year of Drama, they feel that they have found a home in the chaos of high school; a place where they can truly be themselves, feel accepted by their peers, and truly relax while also challenging themselves to reach new heights in their socialization skills.

Drama Advanced – Audition-only for incoming freshmen. No audition with Drama 1 pre-requisite. This course offers in-depth theater studies in the areas of theater history, theater and acting genres, and emotional work. Students are expected to have an extensive knowledge of the basics of theater (terms, stage areas, acting guideposts, etc.). Emphasis for this course is placed on intense emotional work, and comfort levels of performance in front of large audiences. Course can be taken more than once for credit. This class meets the UC/CSU F-requirement (VAPA). It also meets the G- requirement if the student took Drama 1 for the F-requirement. Fine Arts for HS graduation.

- If you are an incoming freshmen it is strongly suggested that you still start off in Drama 1. However, if you have taken Advanced Drama in middle school, you’ve been in a number of plays, you’ve seen a number of plays, and feel that you are ready to bypass all that Drama 1 has to offer, then you can choose to audition for the Advanced Drama class. If you are a current Capo student who is interested in starting off in Advanced Drama, you should also check out what Drama 1 has to offer. There is no guarantee of admission into Adv. Drama. Applicants should be aware that they are expected to have a solid foundation of scene work, character analysis, Theatre History and genre knowledge, and have a strong grasp of theatre vocabulary. If you have reviewed the Drama 1 curriculum and still feel that you are ready to skip it, come to the after school auditions to be held at Capo in our Blackbox classroom (in back of the theater) on MAY 16th, 2018 4pm-5pm. Please email Mrs. Tucker ahead of time to let her know that you will be coming, and to ask any questions at all, at eatucker@capousd.org

- Auditions should be a 1 minute monologue from a play, theatre monologue book, or theatre monologue website (no movies or TV). Please memorize the monologue and make sure it is no longer than a minute. Mrs. Tucker is looking to see if you understand the monologue, can become a character, stay in character, focus, portray the use of character analysis (you have thought about what that character is thinking, what motivates that character, his/her objective, etc.), and make use of basic body language like facial expressions, gestures and basic blocking. Feel free to ask questions beforehand if you need any clarification by emailing the address above. We want you to succeed, so we want to make sure you are as comfortable as possible. If you choose not to audition, or audition but Mrs. Tucker decides you might not be ready to skip a whole year of Drama 1, then you will be placed in the Drama 1 class where you will have a blast, make friends, and solidify your theatrical knowledge.

Stagecraft – Open to all. Submit Application, which you can find on cvhs.com/drama in our digital locker. Applications due upon enrollment. These students learn basic construction and theatre safety rules, and provide the painting, set-building, costuming, make-up work, lighting operation, sound support, and house crew for the plays and musical. Fine Arts for HS graduation
**Actors Rep** – Audition-only for all. Mostly comprised of top-level seniors and juniors. Performs the Winter Play in the Blackbox (everyone gets a role). Completion of this course with a C or better earns Saddleback College credit and a grade bump (like an AP course) for your high school GPA because it is a CTE (Career and Technical Education) course. Meets the F-requirement for Fine Arts for UC/CSU and HS graduation.

**IB Theatre**- For top level Drama students. Pre-requisite of Actors’ Rep or interview. 2 year program. IB Diploma certificate offered. **Capo Valley is the only CUSD high school offering IB Theatre.**

**Theatrical Production**- top level Stagecraft class for crew leads. You must have been enrolled in Stagecraft for a year before taking this course. These students design the set, the lights, the sound, are in charge of paint, house crew, and choose costumes and proper hair and make-up for the shows. Completion of this course (with a pre-req of Stagecraft) will earn you a CTE (Career and Technical Education) Certificate.

**Drama Musical Comedy** – Audition-only for fall play and spring musical. This is a 7th period class. CSU – F-requirement (VPA). Fine Arts for HS graduation. PE Credit for spring semester if you are cast in a dancing role.

**Non-Class Related Involvement:**

**Drama Club:** Meet once a month, participate in field trips, help out back stage with plays, earn Thespian Points and join the International Thespian Society.

Field Trips: In the last few years, we’ve visited the following places and had a blast!

- Backstage Disney/CA Adventure including an exclusive meeting with designers of World of Color
- New York City (we recently took 23 students on our 3rd NYC trip in 10 years)
- Ahmanson Theatre with dinner in Downtown LA
- Pantages Theatre with dinner and touring around Hollywood Blvd (one year we stumbled upon Ryan Gosling filming a movie!)
- South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa—we get free tickets to shows twice a years
- Warner Brothers back lot tour
- Paramount Studios back lot tour
- CETA Festival—Play festival with Southern California High Schools

**Awards:** We’ve been raking them in lately at the MACYs, JRAYS, Cappies, and CETA, selected in the top 3 plays and top 5 musicals in O.C. for the past 2 years! Check out our website for details and specifics of how we’ve been rocking it and adding to our trophy and medal collection. 🎉

Can’t figure out how to fit Drama into your packed Freshman schedule?

**Don’t give up!! You have options!**

- Talk to your guidance counselor for ideas.
- Take required electives on-line or during the summer. Health and CCP are both offered for free on-line and are very easy (ask a current student). You don’t have to take those this summer, you can do it any summer before graduation.
- Take a language at Saddleback (American Sign Language is a popular course)
- Take PE as a zero period or online (again, super easy—ask a current student)
- Or email Mrs. Tucker directly.

Visit [www.cvhs.com/drama](http://www.cvhs.com/drama) for more information about the program.

Come see our spring musical LEGALLY BLONDE April 18-21st!

Any questions? Email Mrs. Tucker at eatucker@capousd.org or visit our website at [www.cvhs.com/drama](http://www.cvhs.com/drama). Or follow us on Instagram: capovalleytheatrearts, or Twitter: drama_cvhs Or FRIEND us on Facebook at Capistrano Valley Theatre Arts