Welcome to Drama! In order to make the year progress smoothly, here are a few things which you will need to know in order to succeed in this class.

### Required Materials
1. A journal, you choose what this looks like!
2. A black or blue pen.

### Classroom Policies
In addition to all Harlan County High rules, this is what I expect from each of you.
1. Be seated and ready to being class when the bell rings.
2. Pay attention.
3. Turn in assignments completed and on time.
4. Respect your classmates, school property and the teacher.
5. No food in class. Keep drinks in non-breakable close able containers.
6. When the teacher is talking, you listen. When you are talking, we all listen!
7. No electronic device usage unless for educational purpose.
8. Give me your best effort each day.

### Grading/Reporting System
The following grading scale shall be used:
- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69
- F 0-59

### SLANT
- S: Sit up
- L: Listen
- A: Ask Questions
- N: Nod Yes or No
- T: Track the speaker
### Missing Class
It is important that you are in class for planning, rehearsing, and performing. Teamwork is essential in theatre. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to check the missed work folder for the appropriate day and either. Students missing class due to school activity are to turn in their assignment prior to being gone.

  a. Get your missed notes from a friend.
  b. See the teacher to make up your test or quiz.
  c. Complete the assignment/activity and turn it in to your class’s turn-in bin (see a friend for guidance)

### Forgotten Writing Utensil
If you forget your pencil or pen:

  a. First ask a friend or neighbor to loan you one
  b. If NO ONE in the class can loan you a pencil, you may take a pen or pencil from the teacher’s desk in exchange for your cell phone BEFORE class begins.
  c. At the end of class you must return the teacher’s pen or pencil before everyone can leave.
  d. If all the pencils are gone, they are gone.
  e. If you frequently forget your writing utensil you will have to fill out an action plan for the teacher.

### Entering Class
Upon entering the classroom you will:

  a. Greet the teacher with a high-five at the door
  b. Pick up any papers for the day from the Black Bear table
  c. Pick up your binder from your class’s shelf
  d. Go immediately to your seat, put the items you do not need for class under your desk and begin working on your Do Now.
  e. Work silently on your Do Now until the timer goes off.

### Exiting Class
Before everyone can leave class:

  a. Gather all of your things and place them on your desk.
  b. The teacher will dismiss you by row to return your binder and other class items.
  c. We will check the room is clean.
  d. The teacher will dismiss you when everyone is silent.

### Moving Out of Your Seat
You may leave your seat for the following reasons:

  a. To sharpen your pencil
  b. To throw away trash
  c. To use the restroom

You may only leave your seat to do these things at the following time:

  a. Any time the teacher has the rudeness card flipped to green

When you do leave your seat, it should always be:

  a. Silent
  b. An individual action
Test Taking
When you are finished taking a test you will flip your test over and:
   a. Write a note to the teacher on the back OR
   b. Take out your Choice Reading book and begin to read
   c. Sit silently and wait for the teacher to come collect your test.

You may listen to your iPod during tests; however, you will leave it turned face down on your desk and you will not touch it, even if you want to skip a song. Volume must be kept low enough so only you can hear it. I suggest making your test playlist now so the temptation to touch your phone or iPod does not arise.

Cheating
Harlan County High School faculty and staff believe that honesty and integrity are essential in all student assignments. The high school has adopted specific guidelines regarding cheating on any academic assignment or evaluation.

Consequences:

First Offense:
1. Student will receive a zero on the assignment with no opportunity for make-up.
2. Student Discipline Referral Form completed for purposes of documentation.
3. Teacher will notify parent to explain violation.

Second and Subsequent Offenses
1. All consequences from first offense.
2. Student will not be allowed to participate in student council or honor societies, nor will be considered for any school academic awards for the remained of the school year.
3. In-school suspension may be assigned.

This policy is required to be a part of each teacher's syllabus.

Tiredness
Since we SLANT at all times, putting your head down is disrespectful and will not be tolerated. If you are tired, it is perfectly acceptable to take your class items and go stand in the back of the classroom to help you stay awake.

Rule
You can do whatever you need to do to learn in this class, unless is causes a problem for someone else.

Consequence: EVERY choice has a consequence
   Negative consequences: the punishment will fit the crime.
   Positive consequences:
      Individual: tickets or tokens will be given out each unit to help you earn the amount needed to attend our class fun day or trip.
      Class: chance for Ted Talks or YouTube videos as the end of class
**Showing Respect**
You can show agreement or respect for your classmates or others by “snapping.” As a class, we will give really special announcements or excellence in the Three Rs with a Boom Boom Clap.

**Restroom**
You may use the restroom if you:
- Have a pass and
- The rudeness card is turned to green
To use the restroom you just need to raise a pass in the air so the teacher knows you are using the bathroom, then hand her the pass, sign out on the bathroom sign-out sheet, and take the bathroom sanitizer. You will get three bathroom passes a trimester to use. If you do not use any of your bathroom passes at the end of the semester you may turn them in for five tickets. I suggest you plan time in your day to use the bathroom.

**Expectations**
- We are responsible.
- We are respectful.
- We are resilient.

**Binders**
Binders will be labeled with your first and last name on the spine in permanent marker. You will keep your binder in your class’s shelf on the binder shelf in the classroom everyday unless you need it for homework. All class paperwork will be kept in your binder. You will put your binder away everyday with the spine out so you can grab it easily the next day. Binders or paperwork should not be put anywhere else in the classroom except the shelf.

**Food & Drink**
Food is not allowed in class unless it is kept closed and in your bag. Drink is allowed as long as it is in a closed container and as long as the following guidelines are met:
- **C**: CLEAN—If you spill it you clean it up.
- **R**: RECYCLE—All aluminum cans and plastic bottles will be recycled.
- **I**: INVISIBLE—If drinks are not open or are empty, they are to be in your bag. Your drink should never be heard.
- **M**: MINE—Drinks are to be kept to yourself and placed on the top corner of your desk when open.
- **E**: EMPTY—Drinks and cans will only be thrown away and recycled when empty.
  If these rules are not followed at all times it means you are being rude and the entire class will lose drink privileges.
### Late Work & Missed Tests
All students will turn in all work. If your work is turned in on time, you will receive a grade for it. If your work is turned in late, you will receive a grade for it whenever the teacher has time to grade it, this may be before or after grades are finalized for the semester. Either way, you will turn in your work.

- a. **Excused absences**
  
  If you have an excused absence, you will turn in your work the next day you are in school to the “Late” bin. To prove you had an excused absence, please staple your excused absence note from the front office to your assignment. If you have an excused absence on a test day, you will take your test the next day you are in school.

- b. **Unexcused absences**
  
  If you have an unexcused absence, you will turn in your work to the “Late” bin as soon as you return to school. You will lose your “gimmie” points on the assignment that you get just for turning it in on time if your assignment is lucky enough to be graded.

### Asking Questions: NO-OPT OUT Policy
Please raise your hand to speak. Making noises or shouting my name is not going to make me call on you. Most of the time we will use Class Dojo or “pull sticks” which allows everyone an equal chance to showcase their brilliance. If you are called upon, take that time to shine, saying “I don’t know” or refusing not to answer is not an option.

### When Finished Early
When you finish early, you may silently get your choice reading book to read until everyone is finished.

### Arriving Late
If you arrive late with a pass you should:

- a. Silently present the teacher with your pass.
- b. Get any paperwork you may have missed from the missed work folder.
- c. Immediately go to your seat.

If you arrive late and you do not have a pass, you should:

- a. Silently look at the teacher with an apologetic look.
- b. Get any missed paperwork.
- c. Go immediately to your seat.
- d. Don’t ever do it again.

If arriving late to class is a problem for you, it could (and most likely will) result in:

- a. Filling out an action plan
- b. The teacher calling home
- c. Getting written-up

### Dip & Swearing
I will not put up with it. I should never see it. If I do, you will be given the option to swallow it or spit it out. If you choose to do neither, you will be written-up and will be required to take a tobacco education course. It is illegal, extremely bad for your health and a distraction to the class. There is a time and place for everything and when it comes to dipping and swearing, it is not in the classroom.

### Cell Phones
I should never hear them or see them. If I see them, I will take them. Also, do not charge phones in my room, it is rude. I am not responsible for them and there is a very high chance your phone will get locked in my room overnight or stolen.