



Honoring excellence in school theatre

THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

A division of the Educational Theatre Association

What are "Thespians"?

The International Thespian Society is an international student organization (schooltheatre.org) sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association that supports high school theatre arts and provides leadership opportunities for students at the state and national level. Many schools throughout the state have a 'Thespian Troupe'. We are Thespian Troupe 7400. The students involved call themselves Thespians, named after the first actor: Thespis. There is a onetime fee to join the society, which includes access to ITS member services, Skyline varsity letter, senior recognition medals, thespian rates for attendance to festivals, access to college scholarship opportunities. Members are committing to attending weekly after school meetings held for Skyline Theatre. Annually, we attend the Michigan Thespian Festival and biannually we attend the National Thespian Festival. The festivals include individual event competitions, workshops, performances, college information for all students participating as well as scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors.

Can I earn a varsity letter in theatre?

Yes. A student must achieve the following to be eligible for a varsity letter.

- Be inducted into the International Thespian Society Troupe 7400
- Accrue a total of 10 points. Each point is a marker for meritorious work in the Skyline theatre program. Approximately 100 hours of work equals 1 point.
- Points must be earned in two of the seven categories (acting, production, business, directing, writing, festival work/attendance, participation in a showcase, service as a board member, chairing a committee, fundraising, Skyline theatre course.)
- Participation in at least one full-length production or two one acts.
- After earning a varsity letter students will continue to accrue points for meritorious work to achieve the rank of honor thespian (60 points). In accepting the honor of varsity letter the student agrees to attend regular meetings, participate in our community service projects, represent Skyline theatre in an honorable manner and make every effort to stay active in the program.

Below is a list of some of the points / jobs

Theatre I 4 points

Theatre II 8 points

Musical Theatre 8 points

Actor 1-8 points (depends on length of play and role)

Crew head 3-6 points (depends on area and length of show)

Crew person 1-6 points (depends on area and length of show)

Stage manager 6-8 points (depends on length of show)

Committee member 1 point

Attend festival 1-5 points (depends on length of festival, IE participation etc..)

Board member 2-6 points