

THESPIAN POINTS SYSTEM

The International Thespian Society is the only organization to honor secondary school students for outstanding work in theatre.

Thespian membership is granted for the performance of meritorious work in theatre arts which meets the Society's general guidelines. Specifically, students become members by earning points for their work. Any student who has participated in at least two productions for a total of one hundred (100) hours of work is **eligible** for Thespian Society membership.

The hours associated with earning Thespian points should not be confused or compared with the production hours associated with Fine Arts class requirements. The production hours system associated with the Fine Arts classes is a portion of the student's semester grade and an approved curriculum requirement in the Katy ISD. These production hours represent a portion of the student's third and sixth six-week grade. Thespian points are not part of the curriculum of the Katy ISD.

Awards, certificates, scholarships, and/or other recognitions are not a part of the point system for the Thespian Society, and no points will be awarded for receipt of such recognitions.

In addition to the points listed on the EdTA website, students may earn a total of four (4) Thespian points for participation in Comedy Sportz HS. These points will be awarded at the completion of a successful year of participation in Comedy Sportz HS. Additional Thespian points may be earned for participation in Other Acts of Kindness which may include but not limited to, car washes, gala, usher/service, concession, UIL One Act Play site crew, summer theatre workshop, theatre work/cleaning days, and any non-school day function as determined by the theatre director(s).

The points system listed on the EdTA website is merely a guideline for awarding points. **The determination of the value of participation is the decision and the discretion of the individual school sponsor(s)/director(s).** Sponsors may award up to two (2) additional points for any task performed with exceptional merit according to the quality of effort and work accomplished.

The following are **general guidelines** for the awarding of points:

- One (1) point represents approximately ten (10) hours of excellent work. This is not to be used as a guideline for awarding points for cast or crew participation. For example: a student may accrue more than ten (10) clock hours for participation as a walk-on in a full-length production, but may not receive more than the designated two (2) points listed in the point system.
- To attain Thespian membership, a student must earn twenty (20) points, ten (10) of which must be acquired at the school where he or she is to be inducted.

- Thespian membership will be awarded on a democratic basis to all students who qualify according to the requirements of the point system. No student will be elected into the Society. No student will be denied membership if he or she has accumulated the required ten points and has fulfilled all membership requirements.
- A student must participate in at least two (2) full-length productions, or one full-length and two one-acts, or four one-acts. Participation should be in at least two of the listed categories, for example, acting and production.
- Students may earn up to five (5) points toward membership through participation at the middle school level (through an ITS Junior Thespian troupe), in community, children's or professional theatre, or in other activities in the performing arts. They may earn additional points after induction at the sponsor's discretion and upon proof of participation.
- When students qualify for membership, they should be notified that they may join the International Thespian Society. Students should be informed of the cost of the membership fee and date/site of the induction ceremony.

After Thespians have attained membership, further recognition for their outstanding work in theatre arts may be indicated by awarding stars for each additional ten (10) points – or one hundred hours – earned (to a maximum of four [4] stars).