

WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE DEPARTMENT
2021 PlayGrounds Application for Writers



2021 PlayGrounds offers great opportunities for student writers, directors, and actors! Students chosen as writers will also be welcome to apply to direct or audition to act later in the process.

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions at WHS, writers should plan to participate over Zoom daily from 3:30-6pm, M-F from December 1-December 18th. Additionally, writers will need to be available on December 21 and December 22 to collaborate with directors.

Applications are due by noon on Monday, November 30th to sonia.gerber@wayzataschools.org

PROCESS AT A GLANCE:

STEP 1: IN-DEPTH WRITING WORKSHOP AND PLAY SUBMISSION, December 1-18

From December 1-18, writers will workshop playwriting techniques, and develop writing skills and material. Participants will submit work to be considered for production in 2021 PlayGrounds by midnight on December 18. Not all scripts created in this process may be selected for production. Only plays produced through this workshop process will be considered for PlayGrounds.

STEP 2: DIRECTOR/WRITER COLLABORATION, December 21-22

December 21, writers and directors will be paired and begin meeting. Between December 21-22, these teams will discuss scripts, production elements, and vision.

STEP 3: AUDITIONS, REHEARSALS, and TECH, January 4-30

After Winter break, auditions will be held on January 4, with callbacks on the 5th. January 6, teams will begin rehearsals. Directors and actors will rehearse for the month, with tech rehearsals beginning on January 25. January 25-28* is tech week, and shows will be PERFORMED LIVE ON ZOOM on January 29-30. *

*If we are allowed to be on campus, actors and directors may be asked to attend final tech rehearsals and performances at the school in order to utilize school supported internet and a more controlled performance environment.

WRITERS:

We strongly encourage anyone interested in playwriting to apply for the writing workshop. No experience is necessary. We will provide instruction and guidance in the writing process and hope that it is informative, educational, fun, and productive for all participants! All plays will be written for the Zoom format. **YOU MUST COMMIT TO FULL ATTENDANCE THE THREE WEEK WORKSHOP IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE.** Please list all conflicts below. Meetings will be on Zoom, Monday - Friday 3:30-6pm, December 1-18. Director collaboration meetings will be held on December 21-22 from 3:30-6pm.

2021 PLAYGROUNDS WRITER WORKSHOP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Grade (circle):** **9** **10** **11** **12**

Describe any prior experience you have with playwriting, improvisation, or creative writing (including in PlayPen):

What interests you most about this workshop process?

Name a favorite play, television show, or film and describe what you like about it:

Writer Conflicts:

Please list all conflicts below between December 1-22, M-F, between 3:30-6pm. If accepted into the workshop, then all conflicts listed below will be approved.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30					
4:00					
4:30					
5:00					
5:30					
6:00					

Additional Conflicts:

REQUIRED STUDENT AND PARENT SIGNATURES:

I have read this application packet and completed it fully before submitting it. The responsibilities of being selected for this workshop are clear to me.

Student Signature

I understand that my son/daughter is applying for this workshop and have looked over the information contained in this application packet. I acknowledge that I have given my student permission to be at all required workshop sessions.

Parent Signature