



### **General Information:**

The International Thespian Society is the only organization to honor secondary school students for outstanding work in theatre. The resolution with which the Society approaches this role is evident in its focus on the students; their achievements, involvement, and access to quality theatre arts instruction are basic concerns of ITS.

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 (one play and one musical) for a total of one hundred hours of work is eligible for Thespian Society membership.

### **Earning Points:**

The points listed on the next page are the maximum that usually may be earned for a specific assignment. Occasionally, troupe directors may award two additional points for any task performed with exceptional merit and should use their discretion in awarding points—from zero to the maximum—according to the quality of effort and work accomplished.

The following are general guidelines on the awarding of points:

- ❖ One point represents approximately ten hours of excellent work. Troupe directors use this formula in awarding points for items not specifically listed in the point system.
- ❖ To attain Thespian membership, a student must earn ten points, five of which must be acquired at the school where he or she is to be inducted.
- ❖ A student must participate in at least two full-length productions (must be one musical and one play at SHS)
- ❖ Students may earn up to five points toward membership through participation at the middle school level (through an ITS Junior Thespian troupe) or in community, children's or professional theatre.
- ❖ When students qualify for membership, they will be given notification that they may join the International Thespian Society. There is a one-time fee for membership of \$30 (as of 1/1/19, subject to change without notice).
- ❖ 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.

After Thespians have attained membership, further recognition for their outstanding work in theatre arts may be indicated by awarding stars for each additional ten points—or one hundred hours—earned. Star ratings should be designated on the student's membership certificate under "Thespian Stars Earned".

Points will be awarded for the following roles:

Item	One Act	Full Length
<b>Acting</b>		
Major role	4	8
Minor role	3	5
Walk-on	1	2
Chorus	1	3
Dancer	1	3
Understudy	1	2
<b>Production</b>		
Stage manager	4	8
Stage crew	2	4
Lighting technician	3	6
Lighting crew	2	3
Set designer	4	5
Set construction crew	3	5
Costumer	3	6
Costume crew	2	5
Properties manager	3	5
Properties crew	2	3
Sound technician	3	5
Sound crew	2	3
Video editor	1.5	2
Video crew	1.5	3
Makeup manager	3	5
Rehearsal prompter	2	4
Pianist	3	6
Musicians	2	3
<b>Business</b>		
Business manager	4	6
Business crew	2	4
Publicity manager	3	5
Publicity crew	2	3
Ticket manager	2	4
Ticket crew	1	3
House manager	2	4
House crew	1	2
Ushers	1	2
Programs	1	3
Program crew	1	2

Item	One Act	Full Length
<b>Directing</b>		
Director	4	8
Assistant director	3	6
Vocal director	3	6
Video director	3	4
Asst vocal director	2	5
Orchestra/band direct.	3	6
Asst orch./band direct.	2	5
Choreographer	4	7
Asst. choreographer	3	5
Junior Choreographer	2	4
Dance Captain	2	4

Item	One Act	Full Length
<b>Writing</b>		
Original play (Produced)	5	8
Orig. radio script (Produced)	4	6
Orig. TV script (Produced)	4	6
Orig. play (Unproduced)	1	1
Orig. radio script (Unproduced)	.5	1.5
Orig. TV script (Unproduced)	.5	1.5

Item	Points
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Oral interpretation	2
Duet acting scenes	2
Participation in theatre festival	3
Attending a theatre festival	1/day

Item	Points
<b>Officers</b>	
President	6
Vice president, Secretary	5
Treasurer, Clerk	4
International Thespian Officer	10
State Thespian Officer	8

**Audience**

After you are inducted, you can earn a maximum of .25 points per full-length production. A program or photo is required for all audience shows submitted.

### Tracking Points:

Troupe director (or their appointee) will maintain records of all **SHS theatre** activities and that Thespian membership may be conferred when qualifications have been met. The record is available via Google Drive here:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11SJBwcQ15ekQ6XJEfkRfCrjJp1vnuje2ayRi46hd\\_CU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11SJBwcQ15ekQ6XJEfkRfCrjJp1vnuje2ayRi46hd_CU/edit?usp=sharing)

If you want to get points for outside activities, you will need to submit a Thespian Points Record form per the instruction below. Please note that the maximum amount of outside points that you can earn is equal to your SHS points. If you have 30 points from SHS activities and 45 points from outside activities, your total points would be 60 – 30 SHS points and outside points capped at 30 for a total of 60. SHS points include PA Thespian activities, Troupe 4088 Activities, and the Encore Awards.

Instructions for Filling Out your ITS Form:

- ❖ Go to this link ([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KtRI\\_VSrfkBtppPkB6Np4KnHn0Rr\\_g8veil66aqmNCw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KtRI_VSrfkBtppPkB6Np4KnHn0Rr_g8veil66aqmNCw/edit?usp=sharing)) and MAKE A COPY of the form. Save your new copy as graduation year last name, first name. (i.e. 2024 Jenkins, Cordelia or 2028 Jenkins, Emmett)
- ❖ If you already have a form, as stated above, follow the below steps to update your current form. Please do not modify anything in the points column.
- ❖ Fill in the top section with your name, address, email, etc. Leave Induction date and the fields below that empty.
- ❖ Enter your theatre activities. Do not enter anything in the points column.
- ❖ If you are struggling to understand the form itself please refer to this YouTube video tutorial ([YouTube video tutorial](#)).
- ❖ Share your completed form with Will's SYCSD email – [William.jenkins@sycsd.org](mailto:William.jenkins@sycsd.org)
- ❖ Heather will then go in and fill in the point amounts.
- ❖ All points will be verified by the director. Some points values may change based on director discretion.

A Couple of Notes:

- ❖ If you are submitting points for work done outside of SHS, such as performing in a production for an outside company, you need to provide documentation of your involvement in the show. A performance program will be sufficient.
- ❖ You do NOT get points for rehearsals, the points listed for each activity include the rehearsal process.
  - If you were removed from a production before the performances occurred, you do not get points for that production.
- ❖ You do NOT get points for any in class performances – public performances for an actual audience only.
- ❖ Theatrical performances only. You can not earn points for dance recitals, choir concerts, etc.
- ❖ Point records must be received 15 days before the yearly induction ceremony for them to be included in that year's awards.