

THESPIAN TROUPE #4185 CONSTITUTION

Even though members of the troupe and non-members of the troupe have important roles in Kingwood High School's theatrical productions, Thespian Troupe 4185 is a keystone to the KHS Theatre Department. So, if you're new, this is a good place to learn about the program.

Thespian Troupe 4185 Constitution

ARTICLE I.

Name & Purpose

SECTION I. Definitions

- Thespian--a Drama Club member or member of the theatre department who has achieved membership in the International Thespian Society, an honor society for students of theatre and sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association.
- Drama Club--a Kingwood High School association of students with an interest in theatre to include both thespian and non-thespian members.

SECTION II. This organization shall be called Kingwood High School (KHS) Drama Club/Troupe 4185 of the International Thespian Society, a branch of the Educational Theatre Association.

SECTION III. The purpose of this organization shall be the advancement of standards of excellence in the theatre. Specifically, the troupe encourages students to work towards a mastery of the Theatre Arts.

SECTION IV. Membership in the International Thespian Society (ITS) is given as recognition for meritorious work in the Theatre Arts; as such a certain level of conduct and responsibility is required, the organization forbids secrecy.

SECTION V. An auxiliary branch of the troupe, the Drama Club, shall be maintained for the sake of those students wishing to attain membership in the International Thespian Society and/or those students with an interest in theatre who do not wish to achieve Thespian membership but are looking for a safe social atmosphere.

ARTICLE II. *Membership*

SECTION I. Active membership in either Drama Club or Troupe 4185 requires students to be fully enrolled at Kingwood High School.

SECTION II. All nominees for membership in Thespian Troupe #4185 require a minimum of twenty (20) Thespian points for consideration. All active Thespian Troupe members must have attended all meetings possible, and must earn a minimum of 6 thespian points per year to be considered a member in good standing of Kingwood High School Theatre.

SECTION III. In order for a student to return to a member in good standing he or she must earn a minimum of 6 Thespian points the following year. Student will regain membership (in good standing) upon completion of required hours.

SECTION IV. All students must adhere to a strict code of conduct, following the guidelines set forth by ITS and Humble ISD. This expectation is effective on campus and off; as well as during and after school hours.

SECTION V. Any negative attack, whether written or verbal, directed to a troupe/Drama Club member, the faculty or sponsor of the organization or directed at the organization itself, is cause for immediate removal from the organization, including all extra-curricular involvement (Drama Club, Theatre Department and International Thespian Society) for the remainder of the school year. In the event that the infraction occurs in May the student will be removed for the remainder of that school year and for the first semester of the next school year. Student shall regain status the next school year or the second semester of the current school year, whichever is applicable.

SECTION VI. Final authority concerning membership requirements shall be vested in the troupe sponsor.

ARTICLE III. *Inductions*

SECTION I. Inductions shall be held once a year at the annual KHS Theatre Arts Awards Banquet

ARTICLE IV.
*Point Award
System*

SECTION I. The troupe sponsor will determine the exact number of points to be awarded per student in each theatrical production, based on participation.

SECTION II. Points will be awarded as suggested by the points system of the International Thespian Society.

ARTICLE V.
*Meetings and
Attendance*

SECTION I. Suffrage will not be denied to those students interested in membership to Drama Club regardless of their enrollment in a theatre class.

SECTION II. Meetings shall be held at least once a month during One Lunch.

SECTION III. Special meetings may be called by the sponsor, and officers, with sponsor's permission.

ARTICLE VI.
Officers

SECTION I. The elected officers are to have the following duties:

- **President**
 - Arrange agendas and lead all officer meetings
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 - Assist all officers in planning and executing Drama Club events.
- **Vice President**
 - Calculate Thespian points and post regularly – new posting no later than 2 weeks after show closes.
 - Organize Thespian events (at least two)
 - Organize Thespian appreciation week
 - Step in to President's role if he/she is unable to attend.
 - Assist all officers in planning and executing Drama Club events
- **Corresponding Secretary (Council)**
 - Advertise all meetings via internet, e-mail, posters, and announcements
 - Communicates with all outside sources about events, and honors regarding the theatre department
 - Run KHS Theatre Twitter account
 - Assist all officers in planning and executing Drama Club events.

- **Recording Secretary (Council)**
 - Keep minutes of all meetings – send to webmaster for posting
 - Advertise all meetings via internet, e-mail, posters, and announcements
 - Maintain updated roster of members
 - Assist all officers in planning and executing Drama Club events.
- **Treasurer (Council)**
 - Collect all funds
 - Create deposit slips
 - Assist all officers in planning and executing Drama Club events.
- **Historian (Council)**
 - Create slide show – through the year.
 - Create power point presentation for each meeting
 - Take pictures and video of every event
 - Assist all officers in planning and executing Drama Club events.
- **Webmaster**
 - Maintain www.kingwoodtheatre.com website. Update bi - monthly.
 - Update Theatre Facebook Page
 - Assist all officers in planning and executing drama club events.

SECTION II. The qualifications for all elected officers are as follows:

- Candidates for presidency must be an Honor Thespian (having earned 60+ Thespian points and be a member in good standing.)
- If no Honor Thespian is interested in running for president then the position is open to any other Thespian
- Candidates must be members of the International Thespian Society.
- Candidates must be active members of the Drama Club for at least one year
- Candidates for the presidency must be enrolled in grades 10 or 11 at the time of the election.
- Candidates must complete and receive satisfactory evaluations from current classroom teachers.

- Candidates for all other offices besides President must be enrolled in grades 9, 10, or 11 at the time of the election.

SECTION III. In the case of a vacancy in the Office of President, the Vice-President shall serve the remainder of the President's term as the acting President. In the case of a vacancy in any other office besides President, a special election will be held at the next meeting. If necessary, the sponsor and President will appoint a member of the troupe to carry out the duties of the vacant office until the time of the special election.

SECTION IV. An elected officer may be removed from his or her office for disciplinary or academic reasons by the troupe sponsor only.

SECTION V. The nomination and election of officers is to be open to the general membership of the Thespian Troupe 4185 and the Drama Club membership. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the troupe/membership enrolled in grades 9-11 during April of the current school year.

SECTION VI. Voting will be done by secret ballot; the counting of which shall be done by the sponsor and at least one other KHS faculty member.

ARTICLE
VII.
Dues

SECTION I. There shall be no dues for Troupe #4185 except as required by the International Thespian Society Board of Trustees.

SECTION II. There shall be dues of \$15 for membership in the Drama Club. These dues are used to offset the cost of Drama Club events throughout the school year. Please note that there may be additional fees required for certain events.

ARTICLE IX.
Constitution

SECTION I. All amendments to this constitution must have the vote of two-thirds of the troupe's membership. This constitution and its amendments shall be subject to change according to any or all requirements of the International Thespian Society.