

Soft Skills Learned Through Theatre Education at SCCT

Yes, we teach theatre arts however many of the skills taught would also be considered “soft skills.” Soft skills can also be thought of as people skills. These can include good communication and interpersonal skills, leadership, problem-solving, work ethic, time management, and teamwork. These are characteristics that can be carried over to **any** future job.

Drama is also a fundamental tool to teach “Social and Emotional Learning” (SEL). SEL is the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success. People with strong social-emotional skills are better able to cope with everyday challenges and benefit academically, professionally, and socially. From effective problem-solving to self-discipline, impulse control, emotion management, and more, SEL provides a foundation for positive, long-term effects on kids, adults, and communities.

In this table, skills are listed in order of most importance to lesser importance, so if you have a child who would be happiest being very active—look for “Physical Control and Expression” in the first block. If you want to avoid classes that require homework—look at the last block.

All our classes are activity based—much more doing than simply talking. Students are “on their feet” for most of the class. Older Intermediate-Advanced level classes will have more discussion as the critical thinking component comes heavily into play. The concept of “Hands-on Learning” we save for classes that require more actual creation of things (scenery, film), or students directing and designing within the class structure.

Younger Students – K3-3rd Class Grade ranges vary

Class Name	Social & Emotional Learning	Vocal Control Articulation, Projection & Expression	Physical Control & Expression	Creative Thinking & Problem Solving	Collaboration & Ensemble (TEAMWORK)	Early Reader & Language	Homework Required?
Exploration (K3-1 st)	Yes	some	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Story Drama (K3-1 st)	Yes	some	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sing! (K5-3 rd)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Memorization of song lyrics
Musical Theatre Dance (K5-3 rd)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

3rd Stage BY AUDITION (K5-5 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Homework & Memorization REQUIRED and CONSISTENT CLASS ATTENDANCE
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Elementary-Middle-High – 1st-12th Class Grade ranges vary!

Class Name	Collaboration & Ensemble and Social-Emotional Learning	Vocal Control, Articulation, Projection & Expression	Physical Control & Expression	Creative Thinking & Problem Solving	Critical Thinking & Ability to Verbalize & Demonstrate Thoughts & Ideas	Hands-on Learning	Homework Required?
Process Acting (1 st -4 th), (4 th -8 th), (9 th -12 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Some memorization
Process Improv (4 th -8 th), (9 th -12 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Musical Theatre Dance (K5-3 rd)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Stop Motion Film (2 nd -5 th)	Yes	Some	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some Homework Required
Musical Theatre (2 nd -6 th), (5 th -10 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Memorization of song lyrics
Production (2 nd -6 th), (6 th -12 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Memorization REQUIRED
Physical Comedy & Clowning (3 rd -8 th)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some at-home rehearsal
How to Act a Song	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Memorization of lyrics & at-

(5 th -10 th)							home rehearsal
Short Film (5 th -10 th)	Yes	Some	Some	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some Homework Required
Backstage Crew (5 th -10 th)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Stagecraft (6 th -12 th)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Sketch Comedy (6 th -12 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	At-home writing
SAFE Stage Combat (8 th -12 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Production 3rd Stage BY AUDITION (K5-5 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Homework & Memorization REQUIRED and CONSISTENT CLASS ATTENDANCE
3rd Stage Mentors (5 th -10 th)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	CONSISTENT CLASS ATTENDANCE
Process Intermediate Acting (6 th -12 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Homework, Outside of Class Reading & Memorization REQUIRED and CONSISTENT CLASS ATTENDANCE
Studio A (6 th -12 th)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Homework, Outside of Class Reading & Memorization REQUIRED and CONSISTENT CLASS ATTENDANCE