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**(Name) High School Thespians Earn State Honors**

(City, ST date)—Thespian Troupe (number), of (name) High School earned (name honor) at the State Thespian Festival held in (city) on (date.) The (number) Troupe members were honored for their performance of (show name) in a competition among (number) troupes in (state).

The troupe performed in front of (number) of their peers from across the state and were adjudicated by teaching artists representing the [Educational Theatre Association](https://www.schooltheatre.org/about/mission), the parent organization of the [International Thespian Society](https://www.schooltheatre.org/internationalthespiansociety).

Thespian Troupe (number) has participated in the state festival for the last (number) years, earning honors on a regular basis. Troupe Director (teacher name) says, “Our students put a lot of effort into preparing for this experience, and they get a lot out of it as well, not only the deserved recognition but also in terms of expanded horizons and experience in collaborating and communicating that will serve them well whatever they choose to do after high school.”

The members of Troupe (number) are: Seniors--; Juniors--; Sophomores--; Freshmen--. The troupe was chartered in (year). The (academic year) officers are:

(School name) Principal (name) applauded the troupe for their work and the distinction they brought to the school, saying, “We value and support our students’ participation in the performing arts as part of a well-rounded education.”

***About (School) Thespian Troupe (Number)***

***About the International Thespian Society***

*The International Thespian Society (ITS) is an honorary organization for high school and middle school theatre students located at more than 4,700 affiliated secondary schools across America, Canada, and abroad. The mission of ITS is to honor student achievement in the theatre arts. High school inductees are known as “Thespians” and junior high/middle school inductees are known as “Junior Thespians.” ITS is a division of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA).*

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