

## Safety

Safety is of great concern in the theatrical environment. I do not wish to unnecessarily frighten students nor do I wish to minimize the risks associated with working in the theatre.

All students are expected to follow directions and procedures at all times and to exercise caution while they work.

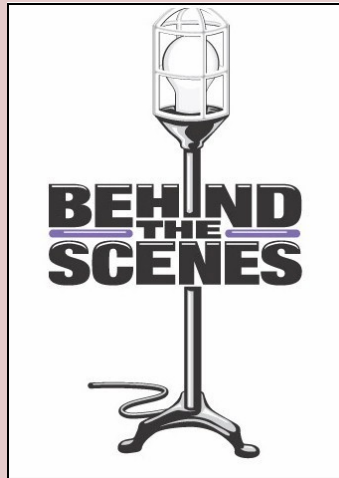
Students who willfully disregard directions and/or procedures constitute a danger to themselves and to others and will be removed from the class for the remainder of the semester and will lose their credit.

Please note: for each class, students should wear appropriate clothing to better ensure their safety. It is easier to say what this is not than what it is:

You can't wear your.....

1. Flip flops or sandals
2. Long hair (pull it back please)
3. Dangling earrings, necklaces or bracelets
4. Loose, long sleeved shirts

Inappropriate attire will render the student unable to participate and they will lose credit for the day.



Don't Leave Your Colleagues In The Dark

We have raised over \$10,000 for  
"Behind the Scenes"



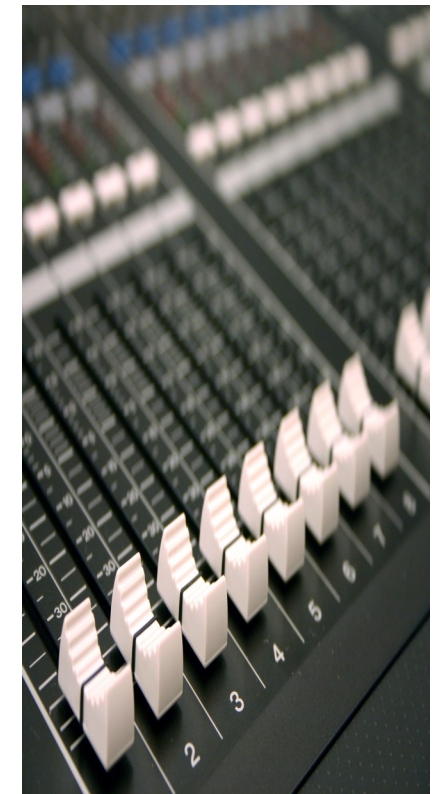
Mr. Taylor receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award in Education from the United States Institute for Theatre Technology. March 28, 2014 in Ft. Worth. Mr. Taylor was the first high school teacher to be named a recipient of the award.



**MVHS Technical  
Theatre**

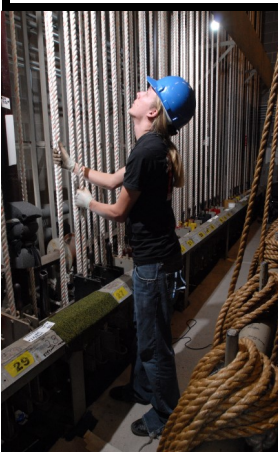
**"At one Indiana high school,  
technical theatre isn't just an  
elective, it's a way of life."**

**Iris Dorbian, Editor  
Stage Directions Magazine**



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## Welcome



Logan Byers at a photo shoot for "Dramatics"

A passion for excellence. The Technical Theatre program at M.V.H.S. offers a unique opportunity for our students to explore their potential for excellence within the area of theatre technology.

Beginning students will receive training in theatrical

lighting applications, scenic construction, sound reinforcement, scenic painting, rigging, theatre safety, make-up and costuming.

Advanced students will expand on their current lighting, scenic and audio skills while working on prop construction this Fall

### MVHS Technical Theatre in Print

The Technical Theatre program is honored to have been featured in the following national publications: **Stage Directions** (2003 and 2007), **Projection Lights and Staging News** (2003), **Sightlines** (2001, 2005, 2007, 2010) and **Protocol** (2007-2015). **Stage Directions** (Sept. 2007) named our program as one of the top high school tech theatre programs in the nation.

## Work Opportunities

As students grow their skills and understandings of technical theatre opportunities for additional experiences will be made available to them. Such experiences include working on our season's five productions and other school related performances. Additionally, students are selected to work for outside productions including Evansville ARC's "Really Big Show", the Evansville Ballet and the Evansville Philharmonic's Pops Concerts.

Student workers are paid at a rate of \$10.00/hour for outside of school productions and a day rate of \$50.00 for larger productions. Crew leaders earn \$75.00/day. Some jobs, like the ARC "Really Big Show" are considered "freebies" and all time is donated.



M.V.H.S. Technical Theatre students are invited to join USITT (The United States Institute for Theatre Technology). The national organization promotes the growth of theatre technology and students from Mt. Vernon participate in one of only a handful of high school chapters in the United States. Students may join the national organization or may join the local chapter. Additionally, the student chapter hosts annual workshops in theatre technology for local high school and university students and their teachers.

To learn more about USITT please visit them on the web at [www.usitt.org](http://www.usitt.org)



The MVHS Chapter of USITT sponsors the **Short Reach Short Riders** Charity Trike Ride each spring. The riders raise money for **Behind the Scenes** a charity for injured or ill

entertainment technicians. The **Short Reach Short Riders** have raised over \$10,000 for BTS. All students interested in this worthwhile activity are welcome to participate.

## Grading

All students are expected to achieve in technical theatre. Class grading is point based as displayed in the table below. Point values are subject to change based

A+	543-560
A	533-542
A-	505-522
B+	487-504
B	467-486
B-	449-466
C+	429-428
C	411-428
C-	393-410
D+	375-392
D	355-374
D-	336-354

on the number of homework assignments, tests and the like. Please note, late assignments will not be accepted.

**Log Hours** (work hours) constitute the single largest percentage of the nine week's grade and must be completed if a student desires to pass. Each student works 2 hours each nine weeks.

## Questions?

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