



**INTERNATIONAL
THESPIAN SOCIETY**

HONORING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THEATRE

Troupe Constitution

Thespian Troupe 10042 Constitution

Adopted: August 23, 2021

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Governance

Section 1. Name: This organization shall be called Troupe 10042. The troupe has been chartered by Jordan High School. The charter affiliates it with the International Thespian Society (ITS).

Section 2. Purpose: The troupe is the honors component of the school's theatre program. Its purpose shall be the advancement of standards of excellence in theatre. More specifically, the troupe will encourage students to attain a better mastery of the theatre arts and will reward those who achieve it with induction into the troupe. Thespians achieving honor ranks and scholar distinctions shall receive recognition of their exemplary accomplishments.

Section 3. Governance: This troupe constitution and its bylaws are two components of a hierarchy of documents that govern members of the International Thespian Society and its parent organization, the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA). The documents affecting troupes, in order of authority, are the EdTA Code of Regulations, the membership policy, the troupe handbooks, the troupe constitution, and troupe bylaws. This constitution may not be altered in any way that conflicts with a superseding document or school policies and procedures.

Article II: Organization and Officers

Section 1. Membership: Troupe membership is achieved by complying with all induction criteria as defined in the troupe by-laws and handbook. Any changes to induction criteria, including the Thespian point system, must be adopted as a troupe bylaw. Troupe members who graduate from Jordan High School become Alum Members of the Troupe regardless of whether their membership was active at the time of their graduation or not. The Thespian point system is the official guideline for awarding Thespian and induction points.

Section 2. Officers: The Thespian troupe shall have the following officers: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian and publicity officer. Duties shall be defined in the troupe's bylaws.

Section 3. Annual elections: The troupe shall elect officers for each school year at the end of the preceding school year.

Article III: Meetings and Participation

Section 1. Meetings: Thespian troupe meetings shall be held monthly throughout the school year. Special meetings may be called by the troupe director, any officer, or by a quorum of Thespians.

Section 2. Quorum: A quorum shall be a majority of the troupe's active membership.

Section 3. Voting. Each active member may cast one vote at any meeting that they attend.

Section 4. Denial of participation: Any Thespian who causes deliberate dissension or disruption of any production or business meeting may be denied participation in troupe activities by a vote of two-thirds of the troupe's membership and the consent of the troupe director. Any member requesting reinstatement of participation rights may have them restored with the consent of the troupe director and two-thirds of the troupe's membership. In extreme cases a Thespian's status as a member in good standing of the local troupe may be suspended or withdrawn by the troupe director for just cause. Such decisions are subject to oversight by the school administration. Active membership is only open to members who are members of Jordan Theatre Company (which requires, amongst other things, contemporaneous enrollment in a theatre course at Jordan High School) and for as long as a Thespian is a student at Jordan High School, but not a member of Jordan Theatre Company, that Thespian's membership of Troupe 10042 is suspended. Suspension, denial and withdrawal of participation rights under this section will affect any or all participation rights and benefits that require the troupe director's authorization, but will not affect membership and benefits that come directly from the ITS national office.

Article IV: Dues and Fees

Section 1. Dues: There shall be no mandatory dues for Thespian induction except as provided by the EdTA Board of Directors.

Section 2. Fees: Troupes may approve additional fees for local Thespian troupe participation. This requires consent of the troupe director and a two-thirds vote of the active troupe members at a regular troupe meeting. The school and its troupe director may also assess user fees in accordance with school policy.

Article V: Bylaws

Section 1. Purpose: Bylaws provide additional guidance for the governance and operations of the troupe. No bylaw may be in conflict with the EdTA Code of Regulations, membership policy, troupe handbook, troupe constitution, or school policy or procedures.

Section 2. Adoptions and amendments: The troupe director may adopt or amend bylaws as deemed appropriate. Bylaws may also be added or amended by approval of a simple majority of the troupe's active membership and the consent of the troupe director.

Article VI: Amendments

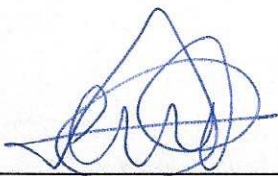
Section 1. Exclusions: Article I may not be amended.

Section 2. Procedure: Articles other than Article I may be amended by approval of two-thirds of the troupe's active membership with the consent of the troupe director. This constitution and its amendments shall be subject to change according to any or all requirements of the International Thespian Society.

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