

**Contract for participation in Newburyport High School Theatre:
Elements of Musical Theatre/Elements of Acting & Design**

Please note that participating in a production counts as an arts elective. In addition to your assigned role in the cast or crew, you are required to complete a reflection after the show.

Every member of the cast and crew – no matter how large or small they perceive their part – is important to this process. We will have a good time, but putting a play together is also a lot of work. It is vital that students and parents agree to honor this commitment. For every show we make an initial rehearsal schedule and then try our best to work around individual conflicts, but the reality is that we cannot grant every request and still have productive rehearsals.

Being more than 15 minutes late or leaving early counts as $\frac{1}{2}$ a miss, so it is beneficial to still make it for part of the rehearsal when you have a conflict. Except in the case of emergency, there are *absolutely no misses during tech week*. Strike is mandatory for all high school cast and crew. As in other extracurricular activities, it simply isn't fair to the rest of the team when someone can't be there. **Missing more than three rehearsals/tech calls may cause you to be re-assigned.** In the case of family emergency or severe illness, we will consider individual cases.

Grades are also important. Please consider how you will balance your commitment to this show, on top of other responsibilities you may have. Many students find they can do some homework while waiting in the green room, but others feel the atmosphere is too distracting. We advise you to be honest with yourself about what you can do. Do not use theatre as an excuse for not completing work. In order to participate in a performance, you must be present that day in school, unless the absence is approved in advance.

Finally please remember you represent NHS on the greater community level. High standards of behavior are expected. As stated in the Clipper Compass, any violation of the chemical health policy may result in removal from current show and will definitely result in ineligibility for the next production.

***You must sign and return to the Stage Manager by first week of rehearsal in order to participate.**

I promise to seek out ways to do my job as completely and creatively as I can. To do that, I will...

- Attempt to solve all problems as maturely as possible and refrain from excessive complaining or negative attitude.
- Remember that I am working on a team and will help my teammates to the best of my ability.
- Do my best to complete my assigned job on time.
- Check with Ms. Zaleski before spending any money for the show.

I understand...

- The rules of attendance for both school and rehearsals.
- The written job description of my assignment and am clear on my expectations for this production.
- This production is a class and a grade will be earned.

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

SHOW: _____ JOB: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____