

# Thespian Troupe 7663 Constitution

## 2022-2023 Officers

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Publicist: Wesley Sever  
Historian: Shannon Hayes

### Article I. Name and purpose

Section 1. The organization shall be called Troupe 7663 of the International Thespian Society, a branch of the Educational Theatre Association.

Section 2. The purpose of this troupe shall be the advancement of standards of excellence in the theatre. More specifically, the troupe shall encourage students to attain a better mastery of the theatre arts.

Section 3. The organization forbids secrecy; memberships given as recognition for meritorious work in the theatre arts.

### Article II. Membership

#### Section 1.

All nominees for active membership shall be regularly enrolled as students of Walnut Grove High School.

Section 2. All active members must have participated in at least two (2) plays for the current calendar school year OR have earned a minimum of ten (10) points, i.e., 100 hours of superior work in the Theatre Department for the current calendar school year. Also, active members must be enrolled in grades 9 – 12 in a theatre arts class and/or participate in Walnut Grove Theatre Department productions for the current calendar school year. If any of these requirements are not met, students will be considered inactive members.

Section 2b. Inactive members may retain their status on the roll of Thespian Troupe 7663. However, their participation in, attendance at, and the conferring of any and all awards/honors at any Thespian activities is dependent on Section 2 above. The Theatre Banquet is a Thespian activity.

Section 3. Final authority concerning membership requirements shall be vested in the troupe director.

Section 4. Honorary membership may be granted to adults for extraordinary and worthy assistance in the promotion of the theatre in the school and the community.

### Article III. Officers

#### Section 1.

Walnut Grove High School Troupe 7663 shall elect officers at the end of each calendar school year as a part of the banquet.

Section 2. Requirements for all potential officers are as follows: Each student must be an active member of the troupe for at least one school year, and at the time of election must be an inducted member of the spian troupe 7663. Candidates must have acquired at least 15 thespian point and have no more than three (3) unexcused production absences in a single school year. If a candidate is running for president, they must have already been an officer OR have received approval to run from the current troupe director and president.

Section 3. The elected officers are to have the following duties:

- **President:** As troupe president, you are the delegate. You are the final say, other than the troupe director. You act as a bridge of communication between the troupe director and the other officers. The president should give out assignments (as needed) in addition to the ones each position already contains. You plan the meetings, organize everything, and are the main source of order.
- **Vice President:** The VP should be the one to always back up and assist the president. The Vice should be in charge of helping give out assignments. The VP will help run and organize the officer and troupe meetings.
- **Secretary:** The secretary should take efficient and clear notes at every troupe and officer meeting. The notes must be published to the troupe Schoology group after each meeting. Failure to do so is a failure to have records of our information.
- **Publicist:** Publicity should take documentation of every single event. All meetings should have a photo. There should be rehearsal photos for every show that is going on, as well as photos of the final dress rehearsal. Social media should be updated every week. There should be at least 2 Instagram posts a month, and at least one to two stories posted weekly. In addition, there must be posts for every show and event.
- **Historian:** The Historian is the point person for the troupe scrapbook. Throughout each year, we must make a scrapbook documenting all of our activities. This allows us to get Honor Troupe points. The historian is also in charge of coming up with and planning service projects for the school year. The historian is a general helper to all the officers.

Section 4. The duties of the director will be to oversee all troupe activities, to be the final authority in the selection of new members and to be the guide and inspiration of the group.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the director and all elected officers

#### Article IV. Meetings, Department Participation, and Attendance

Section 1. Meetings shall be held for the Thespian Board to plan activities for the year. These meetings will be scheduled through collaboration of the director and president.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the director, any officer, or a quorum.

Section 3. A quorum shall be fifty percent of the active membership and must include two officers and the director.

Section 4. Any Thespian Board officer who is absent two meetings per school year or any Thespian member who is absent more than the allotted number of rehearsals during a current production (please refer to audition information per show), unless they have an excuse considered valid by the director, or who does not participate in at least 1 current calendar year production shall be dropped from active membership, or replaced on the current year's Thespian Board, or be removed from the designated production, depending on the level of the offense as determined by the sponsor/director. Prompt communication regarding attendance is mandatory, either by emailing the director and/or Thespian Board Secretary.

Any member who causes deliberate dissension (quitting productions, dropping out of a Theatre Department Class, discrediting/negating WGHS Theatre Department students, directors, and the WGHS Theatre Department, etc.), as determined by the director, that would disrupt the workings of any production, business meetings, and/or the WGHS Theatre Department shall be dropped from active membership and/or placed on probation by the consent of director. Students who are forced to leave productions due to grade ineligibility are exempt from losing their active status.

Any member requesting re-admittance to active status, based on the criteria noted in the above paragraphs, must have the consent of the sponsor/director. However, if the member is readmitted to active status, he/she will be ineligible for any and all awards/honors for the current calendar year.

## Article V. Dues and Activity Fees

### Section 1.

There shall be a one-time \$35 induction fee as provided by the International Thespian Society Board of Trustees, unless determined by a two-thirds vote of the membership at the regular yearly election.

Section 2. There shall be an activity fee for participation in each production. Please see current production participation details for more information.

## Article VI. Amendments

### Section 1.

All amendments to this constitution must have the vote of two-thirds of the active troupe membership and 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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### Article 1. Attendance

Section 1. Regular after-school meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of each month and begin at the time scheduled by the director. If there is a change of time and/or date, the sponsor/director will post a special notice on the troupe Schoology group and social media.

Section 2. Irregular attendance indicates a lack of interest; therefore any Thespian Board member who is absent from two (2) Thespian Board/Officer meetings per school year will forfeit their position on that year's Board. Also, any member who is absent more than the allotted number of rehearsals during a production (please refer to audition information per show) without a valid, written excuse/email submitted to the director the day 2 weeks prior (or on the day of for illness and emergencies), after the scheduled rehearsal shall be automatically dropped from that particular show.

Section 3 . Attendance shall be considered in the point award system.

Section 4. Absences shall accumulate for only one school year at a time.

## Article II. GPA

Section 1. All active members must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher in order to remain in active status. A violation of this article will result in the following:

1.1 A written letter sent home to the parents informing them of their student's drop in GPA. (Eligibility follows the school time frame, 1st offense is probation.)

1.2 The student will be removed from membership.

## Article II. Inductions

Section 1. Inductions shall be held once each year at banquet, or as often as deemed necessary by the director.

Section 2. The time and place of induction, as well as the form, will be determined by the director.

Section 3. The troupe shall cooperate with all other departments and clubs in the school in helping them with their programs in any way it can.

## Article IV. Point award system

Section 1. The theatre director/sponsor will determine the exact number of points to be awarded in all theatrical and non-theatrical participation.

Section 2. Points will be awarded as suggested by the point system of the International Thespian Society. Exceptional hours and level of commitment may be rewarded to active Thespian members by the director.

## Article V. Elections

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at banquet for the coming fall term.

Section 2. Candidates for officers are to express their interest by filling out an officer interest form each school year and be approved by the director. The officer candidate who has the most votes will be elected to office. In the case of a tie, the director may choose to have a run-off or break the tie with his/her vote. The following constitutes the main points of these documents:

Section 3. The mission of the International Thespian society, founded in 1929 as the National Thespian Society, is to promote and strengthen theatre in education. The ITS provides benefits and services for high school and middle school students and their educators through Junior Thespian and High School Thespian troupes.

The Thespian troupe at a school is designed to be an honorary organization that recognizes and rewards excellence among the participants in the theatre arts program. A formal troupe organization with officers gives students opportunities for leadership and responsibility, and active student officers can assist the Troupe Directors in numerous ways: establishing and administering a code of conduct to govern all students participating in a production/retaining active membership at Classen School of Advanced Studies, planning cast parties and social activities, planning and helping to decorate induction ceremony activities, planning, and fundraising for trips, productions, and scholarships; the officers also set goals for establishing scholarships for graduating seniors. Troupes must elect student officers who are capable of and willing to carry out specific duties on their own initiative. It is expected that all student officers act in consultation and agreement with the Troupe Directors.

Section 4. Voting will be done by anonymous online submission form.

Section 5. Three members, including one officer, may request in writing to the director, a recall election of all or any elected officers. This written request must state the need for such an election. The only acceptable need for a recall election would be a community event/natural disaster that hindered a large majority of the membership from being able to attend to vote for the respective officers. Upon approval of the director, a special meeting will be scheduled within five school days of receipt of the request, for the purpose of voting on whether or not a recall election is necessary. Two-thirds of the membership is required to mandate a recall election. If a recall election is necessary, the election of officers will follow the procedure set in Article V.  
Section 2.

## Article VI. Installations

Section 1. Officers shall be installed at the first meeting of the school term.

## Article VII. Adoption

Section 1. The current Thespian Board will vote during the school year to adopt this constitution. The constitution from other schools Thespian Troupe and used as an example constitution.

## Article IX. Conflict Resolution

Section 1. In the event issues/conflicts arise between a Thespian and a Director which cannot be solved through communication between the two parties, the issue should be resolved by the school administration.

Section 2. In the event issues/conflicts arise between two members of the troupe. They and the Troupe Director will attempt to resolve the situation. If it cannot be resolved, the offending member will be at risk of probation or the removal of their membership at the discretion of the director.