

MIXED COMPANY THEATRE – Language and Media Arts Curriculum Links

	Grades 6, 7, 8	Grades 9, 10
<p>Forum Theatre (all of our plays)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasoning and Critical Thinking <i>Including:</i> questioning, analyzing, predicting, distinguishing between alternatives, making and supporting judgements, identifying values and issues • Oral and Visual Communication <i>Including:</i> verbal and non-verbal communication skills, media communication skills, group skills, listening and speaking skills <p><i>“Language is central to students’ intellectual, social, and emotional growth. In the new Ontario language curriculum, there is a strong emphasis on helping students develop the oral and visual communication skills they need to understand and interact with others, express themselves fluently and with confidence, and to interpret media works and the use of various media to communicate their own ideas.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Arts <i>Including:</i> dramatic forms and voices, informational forms and voices, discussion, role-playing, plays (character portrayal, conflict, dramatic structure, dramatic purpose), analyzing the meaning of texts/media, speaking out against social injustice • Media Arts <i>Including:</i> media forms and purposes, interactive environments, performance, impact of media on identity, perceptions and community, group problem solving using the creative process <p><i>“Students use their prior knowledge and understanding of drama to reach a fuller understanding and appreciation of a writer’s ability to integrate the elements of drama to create a complex, stimulating, and satisfying work. They understand the importance of the context (social, cultural, political) in which a literary work was created and develop strategies to understand, interpret and identify bias. There is a focus on themes of social injustice and students develop and record their thoughts, ideas and feelings about significant issues in a variety of personal responses. Media arts education focuses on the practical skills and theoretical knowledge needed to communicate ideas, feelings, and beliefs to specific audiences, and interact with them.”</i></p>