

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY  
Thespian Troupe #7030 Constitution

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be called Troupe #7030 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 all students to attain a better mastery of the theatre arts.

Section 3. The organization forbids secrecy; membership is 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 Wauwatosa East high School.

Section 2. All active members must have participated in at least two (2) full-length plays, and have earned a minimum of ten (10) points equaling approximately 100 hours of superior work. Also, active members must be enrolled in grades 10-12.

Section 3. Final authority concerning membership requirements shall be vested in the troupe sponsor and the theatre 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. Wauwatosa East High School Troupe #7030 shall appoint officers once a year in the last month of the school term.

Section 2. Requirements for all officers are as follows:

Must be an active member of the troupe for at least one (1) school year.

At the time of appointment must be enrolled in 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

President – will organize and run all meetings

Vice President – will work with sponsor to maintain all student point records and prepare induction ceremony

Secretary – will record all meeting minutes, create and post all announcements related to meetings and/or special events.

Treasurer – will collect troupe dues and maintain records of funds used.

Special Event Coordinator – will oversee any ITS sponsored event, including Food Drive, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop and High Interest Days

Section 4. The duties of the sponsor will be:

To oversee all troupe activities

To work with the board in selection of new members

To be a guide and inspire good work within the troupe

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be composed on the sponsor, all appointed officers, the theatre director and any honorary members appointed by the troupe.

#### Article IV – Meetings and Attendance

Section 1. Meetings shall be held at least once a month, after school.

Section 2. Any member can be suspended from active membership by a 2/3 vote of active members with the consent of the sponsor or theatre director for any one (1) of the following reasons.

Absent from four(4) meetings per school year without a valid excuse.

Chooses not to participate in the current production in any capacity.

Causes deliberate dissension resulting in disruption of a meeting, rehearsal or performance. Readmittance after suspension can be requested in writing to the sponsor or theatre director and must have the consent of the sponsor or theatre director AND a 2/3 vote of the active membership.

#### Article V – Dues, etc.

Section 1. Nominal Annual dues will be set by the board per school year and shall be collected at the first meeting of the school year in the fall. These dues will be used for ITS Troupe membership fees and group activities, not for individual activities.

#### Article VI – Amendments

Section 1. – All amendments to this constitution must have a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the troupe membership., This constitution and its amendments shall be subject to change according to any or all requirements of the International Thespian Society.

### BYLAWS

#### Article I – Attendance.

Section 1. Late arrival or early departure from meetings or rehearsals without a reason considered valid by the theatre director/sponsor will be demerited. Three (3) such offenses will be counted as an absence from a meeting without an excuse.

Section 2. Regular after school meetings will be in the theatre lobby unless a special notice is posted as to a change. Postings shall be made on the current social media outlet and announcements will be made.

Section 3. Irregular attendance indicates a lack of interest; therefore any member absent four (4) meetings per school year without a written excuse submitted to the Secretary or sponsor prior to the scheduled meeting may be suspended from the active roll or membership.

Section 4. Attendance shall be considered in the point award system.

Section 5. Absences shall accumulate for only one school year at a time.

#### Article II – Inductions

Section 1. Inductions shall be held once each year in the fall.

Section 2. The sponsor and the theatre director will determine the time and place of the induction.

Section 3. The Vice-President will be held responsible for the training of the speakers for the induction ceremony. He/she must schedule and rehearse speakers as well as take care of the preparation of the stage and induction properties.

#### Article III – Troupe Activities

Section 1. The troupe is not a secret organization, so faculty and students interested in theatre, as well as honorary members and alumni, shall be invited to its meetings.

Section 2. The troupe shall sponsor at least one (1) “Good Neighbor” program a year for the purpose of establishing good relationships with local organizations and schools.

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 and/or sponsor along with the Vice President and at least one other board member will determine the exact number of points to be awarded in all theatrical participation.

Section 2. Points will be awarded similarly as suggested by the point system of the International Thespian Society and the Tosa East Players.

#### Article V – Board Appointments

Section 1. Interest in board positions from eligible ITS members will be solicited at the May meeting.

Section 2. New Board members will be determined by the existing board, as they take into account the results of the Players elections, interest from current ITS members, and skills and abilities of interested parties.

Section 3. Three (3) members, including one officer, may request, in writing, to the sponsor, a recall of all or any officers. This written request must state the need for such recall. A special meeting will be scheduled within five (5) school days upon receipt of the request, for the purpose of voting on whether or not a recall is necessary. Two thirds of the membership is required to mandate a recall. If a recall is necessary, the appointment of new officers will follow the procedure set in Article V, Section 2.

#### Article VI – Installations

Section 1. Officers shall be announced at the spring Players Banquet.

#### Article VII – Adoption

Section 1. Two thirds of the current voting members is needed for adoption of this constitution.

#### Article VIII – Conflict Resolution

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

## Guidelines for earning ITS Points

		SPF and/or Benefit	Full Length Production
Acting	Lead	3-4	6-8
	Supporting	2-3	3-5
	Walk On	1	1-2
	Chorus/Dancer	1	3
Production	Crew Head	1	3-5
	Crew	1	2-3
	Pit	1	3
	St Director	1	5
	Asst St Dir	1	2-3
Business	Usher	1	2
Writing	Original	2	
Directing	One Act	1	
Players Board	President		3
	Vice Pres		2
	Treasurer		2
	Secretary		2