

**BRONSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES COVERING STUDENT
PARTICIPATION IN PLAYS & MUSICALS**

I. Expectations

Cast and crew members are expected to follow and obey all regular Bronson Jr/Sr High School rules, regulations, guidelines, and policies. In addition, they are expected to adhere to any specific rules established by the directors for the respective performances. As with other extra-curricular activities, students involved in plays or musicals perform for the public, and therefore, should be positive role models for themselves and others.

II. Eligibility & Consequences

- A. **Attendance** – Any student must be in attendance the entire school day to be eligible for activities, practices, rehearsals, or performances that day or evening unless otherwise determined by the Assistant Principal or Principal.

Consequences - Failure of the student to properly pre-arrange an absence with the Attendance Clerk or a BHS administrator may result in the student not being permitted to participate or perform that day.

- B. **Academic** – Academic eligibility for extra-curricular students in grades 6-12 is determined by a weekly eligibility check . This eligibility check is delivered to teachers at the end of each week (usually Thursday), and returned to the BHS office by Monday morning with the names of students carrying "D's" or "E's". **All student assignments, make-up work, etc. must be completed and handed in to the teacher by 3:00 PM on Fridays (or the last school day of the week) to count toward that week's eligibility grade.** Grades will be determined on a cumulative basis, to date, for the entire term. They will not be based on an isolated week's work.

Consequences - During the first three (3) weeks of rehearsals, a student is permitted one (1) non-passing (E) grade. That student *will be placed on academic probation* and have until the end of the three week probationary period to clear that grade to a passing (D- or better) grade. A student who does not have all passing grades at the end of the three week probationary period will be dropped from the cast or crew of that play or musical. Students who have a non-passing (E) grade for two consecutive weeks, or two or more E's during any week following the probationary period until the last performance of that play or musical, will be ineligible to audition and/or participate in the next play or musical. Also, to tryout for the cast or crew of any play or musical, a student must possess *all* passing final grades on their previous semester record.

- C. **"Training Rules"** – Students must adhere to the same Training Rules as all other extra-curricular students. These include:

1. Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances, or look-alikes simulating controlled substances, including malt beverages labeled as "non-alcoholic", or anabolic steroids, is prohibited.
2. Conduct in and out of school shall be as to bring no discredit to the student, parents, school, theatrical troupe, or community. Behavior unbecoming a theatrical student of Bronson Jr/Sr High School shall include, but not be limited to: Fighting (resulting in an out-of-school suspension or legal action), stealing, vandalism, malicious destruction of property, extortion, coercion, harassment, use of profanity to degrade or belittle others, or a felony.

Consequences – A first offense prior to a play or musical, or during the three week probationary period, will result in that student being ineligible for that play or musical. A first offense after the three week probationary period will result in that student being ineligible for the next play or musical. A second offense will result in that student becoming ineligible for all future plays or musicals.

These rules are in effect for the entire calendar year.

III. General Procedures and Right to an Appeal (Due Process)

These procedures are the same as those found on pages 6 and 7 of the Administrative Guidelines Covering Interscholastic Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities.

BRONSON JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
PLAYS & MUSICALS RESPONSIBILITY & CONSENT FORM

As a Bronson Jr/Sr High School student participating voluntarily in theatrical productions and/or co-curricular activities, I understand that during my junior and senior high school participation:

1. I will abide by the Bronson Community Schools Student Code of Conduct, these Play & Musical Guidelines and Training Rules, and the laws of the State of Michigan.
2. I will conduct myself in an exemplary manner that will not bring discredit to myself, my family, my organization, my school or my community.
3. I will be responsible for all equipment and school property issued to me throughout the production season, will only use it for rehearsals and productions, will return such equipment in a clean & usable manner, and will pay the current replacement cost for any equipment not accounted for by me at the end of the season or when requested to do so (within one week).

To the Student:

This application to participate in plays & musicals is entirely voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I will follow all rules, regulations and procedures set down by the school or my directors.

I have read these Play & Musical Guidelines and understand that should I violate any of these rules or procedures, I am subject to the consequences expressed within these Guidelines. I am also aware of the possible risks involved in theatrical participation.

I know what is expected of a cast or crew member who represents Bronson Jr/Sr High School and am prepared to so distinguish myself in a positive manner:

Print Student's Name _____ **Year of Graduation:** 20_____

Student's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

To the Parent/Guardian:

I have read these Guidelines and understand its rules, procedures, and the potential risks involved with theatrical productions. I accept full responsibility for any injuries which might occur to our son or daughter by reason of such participation, including medical bills which might arise in excess of any insurance coverage and are fully apprised that the school district, or any person associated with the school or co-curricular activity, is not liable under the law and cannot legally accept responsibility and pay for such injuries from the operating funds of the school district.

I hereby give my consent and permission for the above mentioned student to participate in plays and/or musicals at Bronson Jr/Sr High School during their eligible junior and senior high school years. I also pledge to support the school administration in upholding these Guidelines:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Received and filed in my office on this day: _____ **(Date)**

_____ Bronson Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal/designee