

**1. How do I apply to teach for the First Stage Theater Academy?**

- Fill out the attached application and mail, fax, email, or bring in to the First Stage Academy office. We will contact you for an interview or further conversation if necessary.
- Please attach a resume.
- Examples of curriculum or teaching philosophy statements are welcomed.

**2. What positions are we hiring?**

Professional actors and teaching artists to fill the following roles...

- Accompanists, Acting Teachers, Office Assistants, Teaching Apprentices, Vocal and Dance Teachers
- We are also looking for teachers comfortable teaching multiple subjects and specialty areas for our three and four week sessions.

**3. What is the First Stage Theater Academy teaching philosophy?**

The Academy's mission is to teach "life skills through stage skills." The long-term aim of the Academy is to help each student understand himself or herself and the world in which he or she lives. Theater exercises and scene work place students in situations where they can discover and reflect on human behavior.

A secondary aim is for students to achieve understanding of and satisfaction from the medium of theater, since this is the means by which the primary aim is achieved. We are not always teaching for the aesthetic experience, but always teaching through it.

**4. Would I create my own lesson plans?**

Teachers are responsible for creating their own lesson plans, using the Academy's Guideposts to shape their curriculum. Academy Guideposts are a list of vocabulary, objectives, and philosophy broken down by subject area and level of expertise. Academy Directors are available for assistance with building curriculum.

**5. How long is the Summer Academy teaching day?**

- K-4 grades—9:00am-3:00pm
- 5-12 grades—8:45am-4:15pm
- Teacher meetings may require staff to come earlier or stay later, TBD.

**6. What is an Academy Teacher salary?**

Teachers and teaching assistants are paid on a weekly basis for the number of weeks you are contracted for. Salaries are based on a number of factors including teaching experience. Contact the Academy for salary ranges.

**7. What is the Next Steps Program? Does it need teachers?**

Next Steps is an Academy program designed specifically for students on the autism spectrum. If you are interested in working with these students, please contact the Academy for further information. Next Steps sessions typically fall after the standard eight weeks of Academy.

**8. What are the subjects that require teachers for summer 2014?**

**K-2 Grades**

Half-day Story Drama Classes: Bring a storybook to life through exploring motivations, choices, and actions while creating dialogue and improvising scenes.

**1-2 Grades**

Full-day Playmakers: Use improvisation and theater games to create a story and develop your own theatrical masterpiece.

**3-4 Grades**

Students rotate through the following three classes each day. Each class has one lead teacher and one teaching assistant.

Musical Theater: Increase your versatility while working on new vocal and dance techniques while exploring the art of telling a story through words, music and movement.

Scene Study: Dive into a script while you put your acting skills to work bringing the characters on the page to life on the stage.

Voice/Movement: Build strength, flexibility, awareness, and expression through a class devoted to the fundamentals of two of the actor's most important tools.

**5-12 Grades**

Students rotate through the following four classes each day.

Acting Theory: Explore character, relationships, process and text while developing overall acting skills and confidence.

Improv: Develop expressiveness, spontaneity, and train your brain to think quickly and with reason through improvisational character and scene work.

Musical Theater: Increase your versatility while working on new vocal and dance techniques while exploring the art of telling a story through words, music and movement.

Shakespeare: Examine dynamic language, characters, and plots in scenes and monologues from one of the most influential playwrights in history.

**9. Does the Academy hire teachers for the school year?**

While full-time staff teaches a majority of school year classes, we do hire some teachers for Saturday and Wednesday classes as well as a Spring Break session. A school year application will be available online mid-summer.

**10. Does First Stage do any teaching in the schools?**

Yes, please contact the Theater in Education Department for more information about opportunities during the school year at 414-267-2978.

**11. Who can I contact with questions?**

Please call the Academy at 414-267-2975.