Important Policies

Registration & Confirmation
Please complete, mail in the form located on the last page of the YAW Academy brochure. Or you can easily register online at www.Ensemble-Theatre.org. You will receive a confirmation via email. Class registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Teaching Artists are unable to admit students who have not registered in advance. Full payment by check or credit card is required to secure a space in a class.

Cancellation
YAW reserves the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment and in this case a full refund be issued.

Discounts
Signing up for multiple classes at the same time entitles you to the following discounts: • Sign up for 2 classes: Receive 10% off tuition • Sign up for 3 classes: Receive 20% off tuition Discount can be applied to one child taking multiple classes in a registration period, or to siblings taking multiple classes.

Weather Policy
Classes will be canceled if the CH-UH school system deems a snow day or if there is a level 3 snow emergency that develops after the school day has started. If weather forces a cancellation, not already called by the school board the Teaching Artist will email/send group text to parents of registered students immediately to notify them. No refunds or reschedule class time will occur due to weather.

Class Size Policy
For the most supportive and productive learning atmosphere, we limit enrollment in all our classes. Maximum class size ranges from 8 to 20 students depending on the grade level, type of class and number of Teaching Artists.

Drop Off/Pick Up Policy
Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before class begins to check in with the Teaching Artist. No curbside drop-offs, please. Come into the building to drop off and pick-up your child. This is for their safety. Our facilities do not typically have additional staff onsite. Teaching Artists have very tight class schedule. For this reason, if you are late picking your child up from class, a strict penalty of $10 per 15 minutes will be assessed.
Frequently Asked Questions

What if my child needs to miss a class?
Because the class syllabus relies on 100% attendance, we ask that parents do anything they can to ensure their child is able to attend all classes. We understand that sometimes illness and other emergencies do arise. Should missing a class be necessary, please contact the Teaching Artist as soon as possible. If you do not have contact information, please email Katie@ensemble-theatre.org. Students are expected to arrive on time and attend every week. Tardiness and absences affect the productivity of the entire class. Excessive tardiness and absences may result in dismissal from class without refund. Parents will be notified if they are reaching the excessive limit.

How will I know how my child is doing in class?
YAW Teaching Artists will provide you with a simple student progress report at the end of the session. This report will let you know about your child’s behavior in class and also give personal recommendations for future classes.

What do I do if I need to call during class?
The Ensemble Theatre administrative office is often times closed during class hours. If you think you may need to contact your child during class via telephone, politely request the instructor’s cell phone number at the beginning of the class or make sure your child has a phone with them.

Does my child need to take YAW classes to audition for HYT productions?
No. While your child may find that taking our classes helps them feel more confident in auditions, classes are not a prerequisite for auditioning, nor does a student’s participation in Academy class influence casting in a production. HYT auditions are open to individuals ages 5 and up.

Is there a dress code for class?
All YAW Academy classes are physical, so students should wear clothing that allows for movement. Please, no skirts, flip-flops or sandals. Dance or gym wear are encouraged. Temperature in our locations may vary. It is recommended that you send a sweatshirt with your child as well.

Should my child pack a snack?
The majority of our classes are 2 hours or less, thus a snack is not necessary. If your child has a medical exception, please make us aware of it at the time of registration. Your child is welcome and encouraged to bring a water bottle to class.

Can parents sit in and watch the class?
In order to help students shed their inhibitions and develop a strong stage presence, we ask parents to wait outside the classroom.
Will the class end with a performance?
Classes will have a very informal Share Day presentation on the final day of class.

What Happens in Class?
Each class category has a different set of goals we strive to achieve. It is important that parents know and understand our process so they can guide the student in their experience. Often times parents hope to see a great deal of change in their student’s performance from the first class to the last class. As with any sport, acting takes years of discipline, training, and fine tuning.