



Memorandum



To: High School Drama Teachers
From: Fiona Frawley, ELA 7-12 Program Specialist
Date: December 04, 2011
Subject: Labrador Regional High School Drama Festival

It is time once again to think about the Annual High School Drama Festival. This year's festival will be held at The Lawrence O'Brien Arts Centre, Happy Valley – Goose Bay, **March 21-25**. The LSB follows the Provincial High School Theatre Festival Rules and Regulations. **Please note that there are a couple of regulation changes for this year's festival.**

FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION:

All completed entry forms for the regional festivals must be submitted to District Office by **February 10th, 2012**. Incomplete or late entry forms will not be considered. Please note that it is the school's responsibility to ensure that any performance royalties' costs are paid as necessary.

Once the successful school has been named in each region, the drama teacher in that school will forward program information (school, play, cast, director and production crew) and original script to the host school district for inclusion in the provincial theatre festival booklet. Further information can be found in the attached Provincial Theatre Arts Festival regulations.

BILLETS:

It is the responsibility of each school to find billets in Happy Valley - Goose Bay for each member of the drama group.

LABRADOR REGIONAL THEATRE ARTS FESTIVAL REGULATIONS:

To ensure that all participants in the regional theatre competitions are treated equally, teachers and students are reminded that the following guidelines **MUST** be followed:

(i.) The maximum number of cast members is 16 (This includes students, teachers, directors and teacher chaperones). If there are more than eight students in a cast, it is required that a minimum of two teacher chaperones (one male and one female) will form part of the company. LSB will only pay transportation costs for eight people from LSB schools. Any other costs are the responsibility of the sponsoring school. Please note that in order to compete at the Provincial High School Festival, if there are less than eight in a cast there has to be one chaperone, unless the cast is co-ed. Then one male and female chaperone is required.

(ii.) Only students may perform on stage. Adults in the company may only operate in a production capacity.

(iii.) Students must be comprised solely of intermediate or senior high school students (Grades 7- 12) in order to be eligible to participate. Troupes not adhering to this regulation will be notified that they cannot participate in the provincial festival, nor be adjudicated at the regional level.

(iv.) Plays must not exceed 45 minutes in duration.

(v.) Only one play per school can be entered into competition. A student can only perform in one play, i.e., for one school.

(vi.) If a regional competition winner cannot attend the entire provincial festival, then the second place winner shall be invited as the regional representative.

(vii.) School representatives (including cast, teachers, directors and chaperones) must participate in all three evenings of the festival (either as an audience member or as a performer).

(viii.) Schools must provide original copies of scripts for adjudicator to comply with copyright laws, **three weeks prior** to the festival. Photocopies will not be accepted. Digital copy should be forward electronically.

(ix.) The Labrador Regional High School Drama Festival adjudicator will be instructed to disqualify any troupe that does not adhere to these regulations.

(x.) Any troupe in violation of any of the preceding rules will be disqualified. They will not receive an adjudication, trophy, or certificates/awards.

The winner of the Labrador Regional High School Drama Festival will attend the Provincial Annual High School Theatre Festival in Grand Falls Winsor from May 10-13, 2012 and will be hosted by Nova Central School District under the regional chairmanship of Ms. Marlene Stanley and a regional committee.

PLEASE NOTE: It is expected that teachers pay close attention when choosing a script. It is critical that consideration be given to the appropriateness of; language, performance, subject, and community values. Teachers and students should be reminded the ages of the participants and, most importantly, the audiences who will be attending their performances.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Labrador Regional High School Drama Festival, please contact Fiona Frawley: ffrawley@lsb.ca

Thank you.