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Topic Drama Programs in International Schools

Query What is the drama program in your school?

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Individual responses
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<p>Shekou International School</p>	<p>We no longer offer drama in elementary school. We did last year, but due to a change of staffing, we no longer have this option. We do offer grade 7 & 8 an elective drama choice for a semester each year. We are an IB world school and offer art and music for DP. We do not offer Theatre Arts but our students have a definite passion (and, I'm biased, talent) for the performing arts, so it is something we would consider in future.</p>
<p>Yokohama International School</p>	<p>ES: grades 1 - 3 - 1 period (45 mins) per week grades 4 & 5 - 2 " " " " MS: grades 6 - 8 - 2 periods per week (Music & Art also have 2 pds each per week) HS: grades 9 & 10 - 4 periods per week grades 11 & 12 - IBDP 4 pds for SL & 6 for HL</p>
<p>The American School in Japan</p>	<p>Regular Drama and Advanced Drama in the MS, for students in grade 7/8 (not 6th), taught by a crossover</p>



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	MS/HS teacher. One section each semester
American International School of Lusaka	<p>ELC: music based, 3x week at 30 minutes a sessions</p> <p>Elementary: drama and music taught 3x week 30 minutes sessions (K-1), 2x 45 minute sessions (2-5)</p> <p>G610: music one semester, drama one semester</p> <p>DP: Theater Arts, no music</p>
International School of Kenya	<p>ES (300 students): We have a 20% integration specialist for Drama. She works with classes during the concert season as well as with individual grades on their assembly presentations and in any other way the teachers would like to integrate drama. This is our first year for this.</p> <p>MS (200 students): Students take a semester of drama (every other day for 40 min.) each year. Next year it will be a quarter (80 min. every other day.) We are developing a scope/sequence and standards/benchmarks for each. Right now we just have them for grade 6.</p> <p>HS (300 students): Electives (semester long courses): Drama I, II, III but IB Theatre Arts. We are increasing the number of Creative Arts electives for graduation from 1 to 1.5</p>
International School of Tanganyika	<p>Elementary - no formal offering</p> <p>Middle School (Grades 68)</p> <p>- Drama is part of a semester based rotation (with Music, Art and IT). Students take Drama for one semester in each grade level.</p> <p>High School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 9. Students choose two Creative Arts subjects from Art, Music and Drama. They study each subject for one semester <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10: students choose one Creative Arts subject to study for the full year



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	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 11 and 12: Theatre Arts Diploma course offered.
Western Academy of Beijing	<p>In ES we offer an integrated programme of Performing Arts.</p> <p>At WAB we offer Drama as a discrete subject from Grades 6 - 12.</p> <p>In Grades 6 8 it is offered as a 12 week course (in each grade level) and then as part of an interdisciplinary (Music, Vis Arts and Drama) unit that culminates as an Arts Festival at the end of the school year.</p> <p>In Grade 9 students study two semesters of arts (a different art course for each semester) from the following choices: Vis Arts, Music, Drama, Film and Dance. In Grade 10 they study one of these arts courses for the whole year.</p> <p>We offer IB Theatre in Grades 11 and 12.</p>
Tashkent International School	<p>At TIS we offer drama at all levels. In elementary they have 1 period of drama per week. In grades 68 we have an integrated arts block where the music, drama and visual arts teacher teach collaboratively. This class meets for 90 minutes every second day. In grades 910 students can select 1 year of one of the arts subjects in each year. In the DP, we offer all three subjects depending on demand.</p>
Anglo American School of Sofia	<p>No drama here in elementary...well maybe a bit.</p> <p>There are some elements of drama offered as part of elementary musical performances 3-4 times a year. The Grade 5's each did a musical/drama performance that linked with their unit of studies.</p> <p>This year I offered experiential drama as part of a 6 week co-curricular and another teacher does Readers' Theatre as co-curricular.</p> <p>It is sometimes used in our Grade 2 as part of a language unit.</p> <p>At the Anglo American School of Sofia-we have Drama in MS on a trimester rotation, but drama is not really a subject in ES (there is Reader's Theater as well as drama related co-curriculars that are Theater based) We do offer Drama in HS as well as the DP Drama.</p>



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<p>The American School in London</p>	<p>Ours is exactly the same although Elementary is more through visiting theatre groups, readers theatre, and a grade 4 musical experience - not all through music.</p>
<p>AHIS</p>	<p>Unfortunately AHIS does not offer drama in elementary, middle or high school. We did try to get the program re-started two years ago but we lost the teacher and have not replaced him</p>
<p>ICS Addis</p>	<p>Our drama program sounds similar. We do not have a performing arts center or any space that can regularly be used for drama, other than classrooms (one is in the construction plan, but given the pace of construction in ET, it could be awhile). HS: elective semester courses MS: required quarter rota ES: one performance annually or biannually, supported through classrooms but not taught by a drama professional.</p>
<p>United Nations International School of Hanoi, Vietnam</p>	<p>We are strengthening our drama provision in the school in order to build the programme. Next year we will have drama added to the elementary school as separate specialist taught classes.</p>
<p>American School Foundation of Monterrey</p>	<p>In MS, every student takes one quarter (9 weeks) of Drama in 6th, 7th, and 8th. In 9th is it is offered as an elective for one semester (kids have to choose either Drama or Art). In HS (10-12) we have a few semester offerings in our elective pool--Play Production, Drama I, Film Studies</p>
<p>American International School Riyadh</p>	<p>We currently offer drama to Gr.1-2 students (although we are moving to Gr.3-5 next year), on a rotation (quarter courses), electives in HS and IB Theatre Arts (it is our first year).</p>
<p>International School of Amsterdam</p>	<p>At ISA we offer specialist drama in Lower School from Grade 2. At Grade 2 they have 45 mins per week, which continues in grade 3. In Grades 4 and 5 they have 1 x 60 mins a week. It is more workshop format and focusses</p>



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	<p>on technique, tableaux, voice, body language, stepping into-out of character etc. than production-performance based. I would be interested to hear from you what you receive from other Lower School schools that have specialist drama in terms of the number of minutes and frequency at the grade levels if you can share. I don't need to know the specific schools but just the number that offer specialist drama in Lower School and for how many minutes per week.</p>
<p>Escola Graduada de Sao Paulo, Brazil (Graded) (2 responses)</p>	<p>Response 1: At present, we do not offer drama as a class in Elementary School. For a number of years we did a 3rd-grade play, and an annual large production with 4th & 5th graders, both with rehearsals after school. When the teachers left the school 3years ago, we were unable to keep these productions going. In Middle School we offer 9 week courses for 6th graders in Dance (more like 'Interpretive Movement'), Improv, Theater and Stagecraft. We put on one MS production in the second semester. (This year it will be two fairy tale interpretations for the Elementary School as the main audience.) In High School we offer semester courses in Acting, Stagecraft, Dance (once again-'interpretive movement'), and IB Theatre I & II--these last two being year-long courses. We think the theatre arts are of prime importance for a child's development and overall education, and we would like to strengthen these programs. At the moment the IB Theatre course has a very low enrollment, but there have been years when the enrollment was quite a bit stronger. We have much larger participation in our music and visual arts programs, but hope to regain more stability in the drama area as well. Response 2: Staffing: Our school employs two full-time theatre teachers for grades 6 to 12. LS:</p>



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	<p>No formal theatre classes Theatre is offered as an after school activity MS: All MS students must take theatre in grade 6 (this is a quarter length course) After the above MS students may choose from a variety of theatre courses including... Theatre I, Theatre II, Improv, Theatre Design and Technology, Dance HS: HS students may take Acting, Stage Craft and / or IB Theatre Staffing: Our school employs two full-time theatre teachers for grades 6 to 12.</p>
ESCOLA AMERICANA DE CAMPINAS	<p>At EAC we offer drama as an extra-curricular activity. We have an elementary group and a middle/high school group. We don't offer drama as part of our regular schedule.</p>
Alliance Academy	<p>We offer an extracurricular Drama for HS. One drama in the fall and another in the Spring</p>
International Quito, Ecuador	<p>Occasionally we will do a musical - if we have the voices to pull it off. In MS, we have an elective that is offered when we have a teacher that is willing to offer it. In Elementary we do a Christmas program with a drama component and the 6th grade (yes, 6th grade is part of our Elementary does a musical each year).</p>
The American School of Doha	<p>AT ASD, we do not have a formal program in the Elementary, but have plays at several grade levels that are after school activities. In the MS, we have drama as a quarter rotations in 6th and 7th grade, as well as drama as a semester elective that can be taken in 7th and 8th grade. In the MS we have a full time drama teacher. In our HS we have drama levels that go through IB Drama and one full time teacher.</p>



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<p>Teda International School China</p>	<p>We offer Drama as an elective in HS and as a lunch time or after school club in upper primary. Would love to do more as it dovetails beautifully with developing oral ESL skills.</p>
<p>Seoul International School</p>	<p>As things stand currently, SIS does not offer any form of Drama in Elementary or Middle School, though we will be introducing a Drama course for 6th-grade from next school year. This proposed 6th-grade course will last for one quarter, and will be a basic 'taster' of Drama; introducing some basic stage vocabulary and concepts. In the high school, we offer three levels of Drama: Drama 1 (open to anyone in grades 9-12), Drama 2 (Drama 1 is a pre-requisite) - this is a rolling two-year Drama course, with each half being offered on alternate years, and Advanced Drama (Drama 1 and 2 years of Drama 2 are pre-requisites). Drama 1 includes basic practical dramatic skills such as movement, voice work (for both vocal health and vocal range and power), mime, stage craft, Commedia Dell'Arte, and performance techniques. It also includes a research unit on the history of theatre in differing geographical regions. Drama 2 develops the skills and techniques from Drama 1, and includes play analyses of a variety of genres, improvisation techniques and practice, costume design and creation, propmaking, film-making and editing, acting techniques (which includes some basic introduction to Method Acting), and performance of both comedy and tragedy. Advanced Drama continues the development of the nascent actor or dramaturge, with longer units on directing a play, deeper script analyses, play-script writing and editing, and interpretive dance.</p>
<p>Naseem International School Bahrain</p>	<p>We offer Visual Art and Music at MYP level but we would like to consider Drama - possibly in combination with Music (team teaching has been suggested). We do not have Drama for</p>



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	Grades 11-12 and have no plans to introduce it.
ThaiChinese International School	In the LS, we offer it as part of "art" In the MS we offer it as part of an eight part elective rotation In the HS we offer it as an elective.....not IB or AP
American School of Warsaw	ES: We offer one trimester (rotating) of enrichment drama to 1st and 2nd graders. MS: Drama is taught as an exploratory/elective course. We also have a MS production each year. We don't have a "drama" teacher in the MS, though, and have relied on those interested in theatre to take it on. HS: 9/10: We have offered yearlong elective courses in the 9th and 10th grades over the past decade or so, Next year, we are changing our 9th and 10th grade elective courses for Theatre to be semester long. We hope to give more students access to the theatre program without making them commit to the whole year in 9th and 10th by offering the semester courses. The 4 electives that we are offering next year are: Theatre - Page to Stage: exploring drama by transforming scripts written specifically for performance into a theatre experience. Theatre Stage Craft: Skills that support a performance, including directing, stage management, sound and lighting, set design, costuming, etc. Sport of Theatre: Improvisation - from drama games to a game show competition format. Devising Theatre: Using stimulus materials drawn from almost any source (photos, songs, poems, etc...) to create exciting drama experiences. 11/12 Grades: IB Theatre Arts 1 and 2, SL and HL
The American School of Kinshasa	At our school (The American School of Kinshasa) we have a Drama Exploratory which all Gr. 6 - 8 students rotate through for a trimester each year. In addition, I teach a one year Drama Elective in HS open to any HS student which is





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	<p>much more academic and includes Theatre History, projects, etc. If a student has taken my Drama Class in HS before, I differentiate for them and they are called Advanced Drama students (even though they are in the same class) and receive a Drama II credit on their transcript. We are not an IB school, nor do we have drama in any formal sense in Primary.</p>
American International School Riyadh	<p>At the American International School - Riyadh, we currently offer drama to Gr.1-2 students (although we are moving to Gr.3-5 next year), on a rotation (quarter courses), electives in HS and IB Theatre Arts (it is our first year).</p>