



Washington State Thespians Festival 2026

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

Info Packet

WHO: IE Theatre Arts Students
WHAT: State Thespian Festival
WHERE: Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, WA
WHEN: 3/11 (leaving 12:00pm) - 3/13 (leaving for home around 5pm)

Registration Deadline: **January 23**

Registration Fee: \$385 for registration (-\$35 for inducted Thespians), includes registration, hotel, meal per diem. (\$300 if you qualified with a tech Thespy 1/17) NO REFUNDS AFTER 1/23.

State Thespians Festival is coming soon. The festival will emphasize acting and directing. Workshops that will be offered include Period Acting, Acting for the Camera, Musical Theatre Solo Staging, Lighting, On site WA State Thespian Scholarship interviews, and Stage Combat.

- Friday Jan 30: Video submissions due via Google Form for overall Superior Thespys wishing to audition for State Thespian Showcase. Superiors have FOUR days (Jan 27-30) to submit their video. Recordings made live at regional Thespys are okay and encouraged!
- Wednesday Feb 4: State Thespian Showcase Participants announced.

This is a field trip - act now; students who participated in Thespys are eligible to register. Here is what you need to do:



Theatre Arts Contract



Permission form

Fill out, get all appropriate signatures and return to M044 & Mrs. Cooper to secure your spot. Questions? Stop by, call or e-mail: M044; 354-6036; or MaryCoo@SpokaneSchools.org. This is a great opportunity, take advantage.

Mary Cooper,
Theatre Arts Director, Ferris High School



January 12, 2026

Dear parents/guardians of Thespians,

As you may have heard from your students, there is a Washington State Thespian Festival at Seattle Convention Center in Seattle coming up very soon on the 19th through 21st of March. I would like to give you some details and phone numbers in case you need to contact your student while on this trip.

Hotel accommodations are currently being arranged...

The charter bus will be leaving the school at 8:00am. Wednesday, March 11th. We will be leaving the state festival around 5 p.m. on the 13th.

Students will provide the \$385 trip fees (\$350 if an inducted Thespian). If you qualified with your Tech Thespian at the Thespian Festival on January 17th, your fee for State is \$300. These fees cover room & breakfast, meal per diem (about \$70), and festival fees, but money for lunch and dinner may be needed to supplement that in Seattle... I recommend about \$10-15 per meal.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at (509) 354-6036 or email me at MaryCoo@SpokaneSchools.org.

Sincerely,

Mary Cooper

Mary Cooper
Ferris Theatre Arts Director

2026 Washington State Thespian Trip Pre-inventory & itinerary

In the following, you will be inundated with information regarding the State Festival trip. Please read this information as it pertains to you.

Room Assignments

You will be assigned to a room. If you are uncomfortable sharing a bed, talk to me and perhaps a suitable arrangement (such as the floor) can be made. I recommend bringing a pillow, double check all your toiletries-deodorant, especially!

Please meet **ON TIME** in the small parking loop to board the bus. DO NOT DAWDLE! We have very limited time and I am depending on you to be there on time or you will get last preference of room and seating on the bus. Last one to show up for check in will be our maid for the rest of the trip...bus cleaning, room service...in other words, **BE ON TIME!!!!!!** Bring your lunch. The first stop is Ellensburg for a rest stop. If you get food, get it to go-you are very limited on time.

Tentative times to keep in mind:

Wednesday

12:15 pm	Board bus to travel to Seattle (<i>Drop off luggage in shop, get lunch to eat on bus</i>)
2:30	pit stop-Ellensburg
5:00	Register at hotel, get dinner (location TBD)
7:00	Back to hotel, free time
11:00	Lights out! No kidding...there's a Greyhound bus with your seat on it...

Thursday

8:00-8:45	Registration at Seattle Convention Center
9:00 -5:00	Play/Musical cuttings, workshops (lunch on campus provided)
5:00-7:00	Dinner
7-11:00pm	Musical WIP 5-6pm:
9:00pm	Back to Hotel or Lip sync?

Friday

8am	Check out of hotel
9am-5pm	Sessions and workshops, Play/Musical cuttings
6:30pm	Dinner break in Ellensburg (fast food)
10:30pm	Arrive at Ferris

While at the Festival, here are some guidelines set down by the Thespian Society Board of Directors:

ALL must be in a workshop session

ALL must attend other performances of other schools

ALL must treat the facility with great care... we are guests of not only SCC, but the Theatre Department

WORKSHOPS FOR STATE AT THIS TIME ARE:

Acting for the Camera, Film Auditioning; ITO - Thespian Student Leadership Workshop; Beginning Acting/Advanced Acting; Stage Combat - Musical Theatre; - swords/Advanced swords; Design Process Workshop; tech workshops, Musical Theatre, Stage Make-up/costuming; dance workshops; Energizing, Enticing, Exhilarating, Expressive Experiences - students and Teachers.

Respect your chaperones! Be safe, be sane, and let's have a great time!

Sign and return the
following forms with
receipt of your payment
to Mrs. Cooper **PRIOR**
to January 23

Parent or Guardian Long Distance/ Overnight Excursion Permission Form



I understand my student, _____, will be participating in a school-sponsored trip
(Print student name)
to _____ for the purpose of _____ on the following day/days _____.

I understand my student will be required to exhibit courtesy and respect toward others at all times and that all school policies and rules, including schedules and curfew, will be strictly adhered to on the trip. For example, use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal substances is prohibited. Disciplinary action for misconduct may include, without limitation, restricting my student from the activity for which the trip is being taken; loss of credits; suspension; expulsion, etc.

Medical Information and Release

The following special health problems concerning my student should be noted – if none, please check “none”;

Heart condition Allergy (specify below whether food, bee sting, etc.)
 Hemophilia Other
 Diabetes None

Describe condition noted above with particularity, including any medications or other instructions:

In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize the teacher/chaperone attending to my student on the trip to secure medical attention or hospitalization for my child.

My child's physician is: _____, at _____
Physician's phone number _____

My phone numbers are: _____
home work cellular

Alternative emergency contact: _____
name phone _____

I understand the School District does not provide medical insurance for my student for purposes of this trip, and I am solely responsible for providing such insurance and for payment of any medical treatment expenses for my student that are not covered by insurance.

I have read the foregoing information, verifying its accuracy, and agree to the statements made above:

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date Signed

Signed Original: To be filed with principal/designee prior to departure of trip(s)
Copy: Teacher/Coach/Advisor

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Theatre Arts Contract READ THIS!!!!!!!!!

Citizenship: Because our first concern is for the students' safety, education and enjoyment of the trip, we have a few guidelines to adhere to. We have a few guidelines as well as adhering to the *Student Curricular Contract*:

1. Students will not use or possess tobacco products, alcohol or illicit drugs.
2. Students will not ever be alone outside the buses or hotel. Students are required to be in groups of **three** or more.
3. No Bluetooth speakers (headphones kept to a quiet volume that cannot be heard by others is fine).
4. Students are not to display affection beyond holding hands or having arms on each other's shoulders. Brief hugs (one second or less) are fine, **no kissing!** Do not make others or me uncomfortable by your PDAs.
5. Students will not use profanity or vulgar language.
6. Students will be polite to all adults they encounter at all times. If students have a concern about a chaperone or another adult, they will see Mrs. Cooper. You will not be rude to or disobey a chaperone. They are your teacher's representatives and you will be respectful of them... even if you think they have been rude to you.
7. Males will not step foot (or any other part of their body) in hotel rooms in which females have been assigned sleeping quarters. Females will not step foot (or any other part of their body) into male sleeping rooms.
8. Please do not wear excessive perfume or cologne due the relatively small spaces on the buses and hotel rooms, and friends with breathing health issues.
9. Students will not accept rides from anyone but our bus drivers/chaperones driving their buses/vehicles.
10. Students will not fraternize with the locals nor will you tell them where we are staying!
11. Students will not phone room to room after "lights out"
12. Students will not rent movies to watch on their TV's in their rooms. Students will not open room refrigerators or touch hospitality candy or fruit in their room because you will be charged for it.
13. Students will not watch NC-17 or "R" rated movies on this trip: PERIOD!
14. Students must use common sense to be safe. If you see a potentially hazardous situation, please alert the participants.
15. You are representing Mrs. Cooper & Ferris High School. We expect nothing but the finest demeanor...make it so!
- 16. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN A GREYHOUND BUS TRIP HOME EARLY...AT YOU/YOUR PARENTS' EXPENSE.**

Some Thoughtful "Dos"

1. Please shower and use deodorant everyday. Please bring clean garments for each day.
2. Please be prepared for personal hygiene needs and bring a toothbrush, toothpaste, and hair care items as needed (easy on the hair spray).
3. Please arrange to share hair dryers with your rooming partners.
4. Please bring clothes to sleep in (you will be sharing a queen-size bed-yes even you, boys!).
5. You are representing Mrs. Cooper & Ferris High School. We expect nothing but the finest demeanor...make it so!
- 6. Please bring a great attitude. If you are not having fun, it is your fault!**

I am very excited about this trip and view it as a great opportunity for my students. Any additional information or itinerary changes will be communicated to you. Thank you for your students, they are truly a blessing for us to work with!

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date