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Afterschool Drama/Theatre Coach

[Saratoga Theatre Arts](#) (STA) is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Saratoga, CA that supports Drama and Theatre Arts programs, student clubs and productions in public schools within Saratoga, CA.

We partner with local schools' PTAs to source a network of Drama coaches to lead the after school Drama Club programs in the Saratoga Union School District. These programs are sponsored by the schools' Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) in collaboration with STA.

Each Drama Club has a specific schedule and there is a range of needs, depending on the site and age range. Clubs focused on grades 1 and 2 may meet for 1 hour while clubs focused on grades 3-5 or higher may meet for 2 hours or more, depending on the school site. Please see below for specifics for each school for the 24-25 academic year.

Drama Coaches partner with an on-site, district-cleared, PTA-approved oversight staff member (usually parents or teachers) and focus their time and energy on delivering a fun-filled, education-based program (lesson plans provided) that gives students access to the many benefits that Drama and Theatre Arts bring. There are coaching opportunities in both Elementary and Middle schools. All Drama Coaches must have the appropriate **criminal background** clearance per SUSD regulations. For clubs that have high demand (i.e. many students), multiple Drama Coaches may be working together to provide adequate coverage.

Looking for: Coaches for the 24-25 academic school year (August-June) who can do at least one club a week (~2 hours) or more. (Note that some clubs run a 6-8 week vs a year-long program. Details below.)

Ideal Candidates: College students with a solid Drama/Theatre background (high school and/or extracurricular experience) who are preferably (but not necessarily) currently studying Theatre-related courses at college. Previous camp counselor-type, Drama Club leadership, or ITS (International Thespian Society) experience is a plus.

Who: Elementary students grades **K-2**, 3-5 & middle schoolers grades 6-8.

When: Weekday afternoons after school has ended for 1-2 hours, depending on club age range. Specifics vary by school. Please see the details below.

Where: Elementary & middle schools in Saratoga, CA

Compensation: around \$25/hour (DOE)

How to Apply: Interested candidates should send an email to coach-app@saratogatheatrearts.org expressing their interest and including their resume, a brief overview of themselves and an indication of which weekdays they are available (2.30pm - 3.30pm and/or 3pm - 5pm) for the 24-25 academic year.

What you will do: This afterschool program is designed to deliver an engaging experience for students while giving them a fully-rounded education in all things theatre, both on-set and behind the curtain. The goal is to communicate key concepts and develop skills (at appropriate grade levels), while keeping it a fun experience for all the students. Using a curriculum which has been developed for STA and which is common to all the SUSD Drama Clubs (so all students get the same approach and material), our coaches work with the lesson plans and additional resources, where needed, to run a club at each school which meets once per week. Using their own Drama experience and knowledge together with the resources provided, they will introduce students to the various facets of acting (monologues, open scenes, vocal

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warm ups etc), design (costume, set, lighting etc), directing, stage-managing, play-writing and theatre history. By year's end, the students will have a final project to share what they learned with the group.

What you bring to the table:As well as a background in studying or performing in Theatre and/or Technical Theatre, you are passionate about the benefits of Drama in a well-rounded education, and enjoy sharing your love and knowledge of the subject and helping to inspire, develop and support younger students.

Drama Club Plans for 24-25

This section documents the specific needs for each school for the upcoming academic year.

Foothill Elementary Drama Club

Who: Elementary students grades 1-2 and a separate session for grades 3-5

What time: 3 - 5pm for Grades 3-5 and 2:30-3:30pm (or longer at coach's discretion) for Grades 1-2

What day(s): Foothill is still working on identifying which weekday or days the club will run. This may vary from year to year and can work with the coach's availability.

What dates: For the 24-25 school year, Foothill plans to run a 6-8 week program for grades 3-5 and a 6-8 week program for grades 1-2. This can be adjusted for 25-26 if there is a demand to do so.

Grades 3-5: Drama Club program cannot conflict with the musical. This means that the Club would function for August-October (preferred) or late April to the end of the school year.

For grades 1-2, we are thinking anytime after Christmas, unless the coach wants to run them concurrently, but this may be harder logistically (securing a space and days)

Where: Foothill Elementary School, Saratoga, CA

Compensation: around \$25/hour (DOE)

How to Apply: Interested candidates should send an email to coach-app@saratogatheatrearts.org expressing their interest and including their resume, a brief overview of themselves and an indication of which weekdays they are available 3pm - 5pm and/or 2:30-3:30 for the 24-25 academic year.

Redwood Middle School Drama Club

Who: Middle school students grades 6-8

What time: 3.15 - 5pm

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What day(s): Redwood club will meet on Mondays starting in August until mid-January when the weekly meetings will move to Fridays through the end of May.

What dates: The club will run for the entire academic year, starting in August and ending in May.

Where: Redwood Middle School, Saratoga, CA

Compensation: around \$25/hour (DOE)

How to Apply: Interested candidates should send an email to coach-app@saratogatheatrearts.org expressing their interest and including their resume, a brief overview of themselves and confirmation that they can accommodate the club's Monday/Friday scheduling arrangement for the 24-25 academic year.

Saratoga Elementary School Drama Club

Who: Elementary students in grades 3-5

What time: 3 - 4.30pm

What day(s): Saratoga PTA is still working on identifying which weekday the club will run.

What dates: For the 24-25 school year, Saratoga Elementary plans to run a 6-8 week program for grades 3-5 starting in October 2024

Where: Saratoga Elementary School, Oak St. Saratoga, CA

Compensation: around \$25/hour (DOE)

How to Apply: Interested candidates should send an email to coach-app@saratogatheatrearts.org expressing their interest and including their resume, a brief overview of themselves and an indication of which weekdays they are available 3pm - 4.30 pm for the 24-25 academic year.