

***The Importance of Being Earnest*- [Play Festival Competition Jan 20, 2024](#)**

**Arroyo Grande High School** (also Winter Formal) times TBD later

**Audition Date:** Monday October 23

**Requirements:** Must come prepared with a memorized monologue- comedy or Dramatic piece of your choice with a British accent.

**Call Backs:** Wednesday Oct 25 scene work- sides will be given out- no need to memorize will be a cold reading

**Rehearsals:** Tuesday and Thursday **3:30-5:00**

**[Here is information regarding the Play Festival](#)**

[Play Festival](#)

**California Thespians invites you to participate in the annual California State Thespian Play Festival.**

California State Thespians (CST) invites all California high schools to bring a short play (no longer than 30 minutes) or a cutting of a play (no longer than 30 minutes) to the annual California Thespian Play Festivals.

The first 10 schools to submit a complete application to each event will be chosen to perform. If more than 10 schools apply, preference will be given to high schools that are current members of Educational Theatre Association (EdTA).

Using the [California State Thespian Play Festival Rubric](#), plays will be adjudicated by a panel of theatre professionals who will share their notes with the cast and crew immediately after each performance in a casual, educational atmosphere. Judges will privately select their top three plays and rank them. Virtual Play Festival entries will receive detailed written feedback.

One outstanding entry from each event may be invited to perform on the Main Stage at the [California State Thespian Festival](#). To perform at the California State Thespian Festival, the invited school needs to become a member of EdTA (if they are not) AND register for the CST Festival on time and before registration closes due to capacity. Spots will not be held in advance.

To perform at the California State Thespian Festival, the winning school needs to be a member of EdTA AND register for the CA State Thespian Festival on

time and before registration closes due to capacity. Spots will not be held in advance.

## **RULES**

- Applications must be received by the deadline.
- Both published works and original plays can be brought to the Play Festival.
- Schools performing published pieces must secure written proof of performance rights prior to the festival, and send them to [playfestival@cathespians.org](mailto:playfestival@cathespians.org) by January 15.
- Schools without proof of rights will not be allowed to perform.
- Plays must be *high school appropriate*. Content is crucial! All students involved in this festival are still children. If in doubt, don't do it. The CA State Thespian Board

reserves the right to turn the lights off for any inappropriate material.

- All schools must submit a clear script as it will be performed with their application.
- Plays may be directed by a teacher or by students from the school. **(No parent directors, please.)** WARNING: The judges will equally critique both adults and students. The

judges are encouraged to be open, honest, and direct with their feedback to the cast and the director regardless of the director's age.

- Performance order will be chosen with consideration for thematic balance.
- Schools must be present until the end of the festival to win.
- Plays will be adjudicated against the [California State Thespian Play Festival Rubric](#).

## **DATES & LOCATIONS**

**Central Play Festival** January 20, 2024

Arroyo Grande High School, 495 Valley Rd, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420