

EdTA Announces a New Initiative: The Social and Emotional Learning Lesson Plan Project

May 7, 2021

The Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) is looking for 20-25 theatre educators, **currently teaching in the classroom**, who would be willing to create ten model lesson plans illustrating the ways in which theatre education can teach social and emotional skills. Teachers accepted for the project will be given professional development in making clear connections between theatre instruction and social and emotional learning skills paired with a professional development intensive in assessment for learning. The time commitment will include a one hour kick off meeting, any time needed to create or re-work ten existing lesson plans, plus a total of four hours of professional development split between live and asynchronous on-demand trainings. To be eligible for the project, educators must have a proven track record of skill in standards-based theatre education, familiarity with the National Theatre Arts Standards and the ability to attend a virtual professional development intensive training on Sunday, June 13th from 3:30 PM Eastern until 6:30 PM. A sample lesson plan will be due on June 15th, followed by the balance of nine lesson plans due no later than June 25th, 2021. In gratitude for their work and contributions, theatre educators accepted into the project will be paid an honorarium of \$500.00 for their time.

“This project will meet an urgent need to make visible the connections between theatre education and the vital social and emotional skills our students require to thrive in an increasingly complex world.” says Education Director Cory Wilkerson. “We are excited to be launching this important project which will provide tools for theatre educators everywhere.”

To apply to be considered for the Social and Emotional Learning Lesson Plan Project, please complete this online form <https://forms.gle/A7XHzquVEpwk5VsT8>

Anyone having questions about the project should contact EdTA Education Director Cory Wilkerson at cwilkerson@schooltheatre.org

Time Frame

May 7, 2021 – All call to field opens
May 21, 2021 – Application process closes
May 25, 2021 - Team is chosen and notified
May 27th& 28th – Kick off meeting
June 15th – One sample lesson plan due
June 25th – All ten lessons due
August 15th – SEL lesson plans posted to TE Pro
August 24th – Wrap up meeting