Edison International Thespian Society Troupe Point System

The Thomas Edison International Thespian Society (ITS) troupe uses the ITS recommended point system for all points but those for viewing a production. (The recommended ITS points system may be found at https://www.schooltheatre.org/internationalthespiansociety/troupedirectors/thespianpointsystem.) Points are carried over each year; point totals do not reset.

Points are not awarded for activities in middle school. Points are not awarded for Edison class work. This encompasses all high school classes and applies even if coursework requires considerable time and effort outside of the class period.

Students have a period of 10 business days after viewing a performance, completing a theatrical activity, or the closing night of a show they were in or worked on the production team for to turn in a points submission form. Students have a period of 10 business days after the first ITS meeting of the year to submit activities from the summer. Forms completed after this time will not be accepted.

Because of the necessary proof that must accompany each points submission, a student's submission of points for an activity must occur wholly through one medium. Students may submit a physical points form and physical proof, or they may submit an online points form and online proof. No student may submit an online points form and physical proof or vice versa. Students do not have to limit *all* of the year's point submissions to one medium; they are not allowed to split mediums of submission for a single activity.

Edison Productions

*Fall Play and Spring Musical*: Points will be deducted from the standard total at the director's discretion if students do not exemplify thespian ideals. Points will be deducted if a student is consistently late to rehearsals, consistently leaves rehearsal early, has more than two unexcused absences from rehearsal, is on their cell phone during rehearsal, is talking during rehearsal, is not memorized by the assigned date, is not dressed appropriately for rehearsal, is not in costume at the appropriate time, does not come prepared to rehearsal with a script and pencil, or is generally unprepared or disruptive during rehearsal. Members of the production team may also have points deducted if they do not exemplify thespian ideals. All students will receive a warning from the director before points are deducted.

*One Act Festival*: The ITS troupe director will consult with the student directors of one acts and will deduct points from students involved who have not exemplified thespian ideals. The troupe director will meet with students that may receive point deductions before one act point deductions are finalized.

Outside Activities

*Productions*: A student who participates in a production outside of Edison must bring a schedule of the rehearsals they were present for with total number of rehearsal hours noted and a note from their director confirming their participation for the number of hours provided on the schedule.

*Other:* If an activity is related to theatre, it is likely a student may receive points for it. Students should approach the troupe secretary about whether an activity is appropriate to submit. The secretary will then broach the topic will the troupe director and determine if the activity deserves points and decide on an appropriate form of proof of completion.

Watching a Production

*Full Length*: A student who attends a full-length production will receive 1 point if they bring in a program from the production.

*Edison Drama One Acts:* A student who attends one night of the Edison Drama One Act Festival will receive 0.2 points if they sign the sign in sheet for that night. A student who attends two nights of the Edison Drama One Act Festival will receive 0.4 points if they sign in both nights they attend. A student who attends all three nights of the Edison Drama One Act Festival will receive 1 point if they sign in each night they attend and write a minimum of four paragraphs of analysis covering all three nights of one acts (should discuss production style and production elements such as costumes, sets, props, lighting, acting, etc). Students do not receive points for watching one acts on nights they are performing in an Edison one act and are ineligible for the three night reflection. However, they may receive points for watching one acts on nights they do not perform.

*One Acts*: A student who attends a one-act or one-act festival outside of Edison Drama will receive 0.05 points per one act.

ITS Membership and Honors

A student must earn 10 points, five of which must have been earned through participation in an Edison Drama production (fall play, one act, or spring musical) as a tech or actor, to be inducted into ITS. These points must have been earned in at least two full-length productions, one full-length and two one-acts, or four one acts. Induction points must be earned in a minimum of two of the listed categories (for example: acting and production, directing and member of audience, or business and writing).

A student may achieve Honor Thespian status by earning 60 points, National Thespian status by earning 120 points, and International Thespian status by earning 180 points.

\*\*The system may change at the troupe director's discretion. If the point system if updated, students will be notified.\*\*