



Attendance Policy




Workload

The letters I read over-exaggerated the hours that students are at school. In reviewing the schedules the working hours are:

- year one students are always done by 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm at the latest
- year three students are always finished by 6:00 or 8:00 at the latest (4 of their 6 days are spent in rehearsal and we abide by the rules of Canadian Actors Equity regarding working hours). During the run of a show, the students are performing late of course, but when this is the case, their morning classes are cancelled the following day
- year two students have the heaviest workload but as we explained in the meeting, their hours change during the school year based on what project they are working on. There are some projects (Period Study, some scene studies) where rehearsals go until 10:00 at night. Not all students are called all the time so a particular student may have a late night 2 or 3 nights out of 6. This is a result, again, of the numbers of students we have and the instructors trying to give all of them equal time.

Often students 'hang out' until we shove them out the door at night but it's not all work – there is lots of socializing and goofing around. Still, I take seriously the complaints that the workload is too much.



I suspect that some of the students who are feeling overwhelmed with the demands are the ones who shouldn't be in the program but are there due to budget targets.