

# Costume Design Rules

## CHOICE OF PLAYS

The student may choose any play from the list announced by the State Board of Directors in the September issue of the Florida State Thespian web page.

## RULES

1. The student must present five (5) character renderings. These may represent five (5) different characters and/or may follow a single character through several appropriate changes.
2. Computer assisted design is acceptable.
3. Each design must be executed in full color and displayed on a 10" x 15" white display board. The display board cannot be mounted on any other surface. All figures must be 10" tall. Children and unique characters may be varied in size but need to be in proportion to the 10" high standard. The base of the figure should be 3" from the lower edge of the board. A human figure may be traced to use as a template upon which a costume creation may then be placed. Tracing of a costume outline or silhouette is unacceptable.
4. The board should be labeled in the following manner:  
Upper Left hand corner: Name of the show and author.  
Upper Right hand corner: Name of the character, act, and scene.  
Lower Right hand corner: Student's name and troupe number.
5. The character renderings may or may not have drawn faces.
6. The student must attach fabric swatches, measuring a minimum of 2"x2", by the top edge of the swatch only. Mount the swatch on the right side of the presentation board so that the swatch may be lifted and felt to evaluate appropriate fabric texture, draping ability, weight, grain, etc.
7. The student must present a justification of the designs. Note cards may be used.
8. Only one student may be involved in the set of designs. NO COLLABORATION.
9. All artwork used must be the original work of the entrant.
10. The event will not exceed ten (10) minutes. The student presentation is not to exceed five (5) of these ten (10) minutes.
11. A bibliography is required documenting all resources used including but not limited to written and electronic sources. The bibliography must be in MLA style.
12. Other costume embellishments (buttons, trim, etc) can be placed on the presentation board on the right side with the swatches.
13. Budgetary consideration will not affect adjudication.