

# the unscripted project HOUSE TEAM

*Afterschool Improvisational Theater Program*

## A COMPREHENSIVE IMPROV THEATER-BASED PROGRAM

Welcome to the The Unscripted Project House Team! A free, community-based after-school program for students to build critical communication and social-emotional skills through improvisational theater-based training. In a collaborative and laughter-filled environment, students are trained in improvisational theater with additional support for college and career mentoring, performance opportunities and arts-based field trips in Philadelphia.



## PROGRAM INFORMATION



**Who:** Any high school student (9-11th grade) in Philadelphia  
**When:** Tuesdays, Feb 6th to May 28th (students can continue in Fall 2024)  
**Time:** 3.30 - 6pm ET  
**Where:** ComedySportz Philadelphia (2030 Sansom St, Philadelphia)  
**Program Cost:** \$25 registration fee (program is free of charge)  
**Requirements:** Weekly attendance and performance at the end of the semester will be mandatory to participate in the program

## WHY SHOULD YOUR STUDENT JOIN OUR PROGRAM?

- ✦ **Boost confidence and social-emotional skills:** Improv has been proven to build confidence, adaptability, and social emotional wellness - all critical skills as teens learn to navigate the world around them. Culminates in a performance opportunity at the end of the school year!
- ✦ **Enhance communication skills:** In improv, students are on stage, performing and developing their public speaking skills. This is relevant for students who are expected to present for class projects in high school, as they interview for jobs, and as they get ready for college.
- ✦ **Safe, holistic afterschool program:** Students are trained by professional teaching artists with all school district clearances; have snacks, access to external speakers, field trip opportunities

## HOW TO APPLY

- **Due Weds, Jan 10:** Students complete a **short application** form to demonstrate interest
- **Weds, Jan 17:** Students are notified of acceptance to the program
- **Tues, Jan 30:** Permission slips and registration fee due
- **Tues, Feb 6:** First day of class!



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## WHAT IS THE UNSCRIPTED PROJECT?

Unscripted Project is an award-winning 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Philly with the mission of empowering young people to develop critical life skills like speaking confidently, collaborating effectively, and growing from mistakes all through the power of improvisational theater.

We're an official partner for the Philadelphia School District, and our core programming is a 10-week workshop series which takes place during the school day at Philly public middle and high schools - we've worked with over 2,200 students to date. All of our teaching artists are professional improvisers and have all their school district clearances. We've also been featured for our work on the Philadelphia Citizen, WHYY, and CBS Mornings. You can learn more on [www.unscriptedproject.org](http://www.unscriptedproject.org)

## WHAT IS IMPROV?

Improvisational theater (or improv) is a form of theater in which everything is completely unscripted. Students come as they are and work together to create stories from nothing. No acting or improv experience is required or expected (and, your students who might otherwise not sign up for theater may just end up enjoying and benefiting from it the most!)

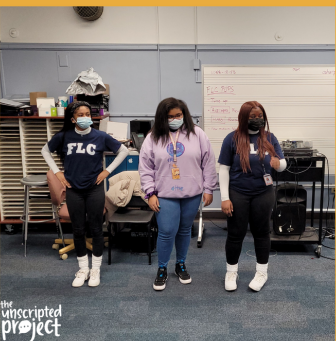
Techniques from improv are used by businesspeople, teachers, lawyers, and doctors - because the research shows that it is linked to higher levels of **confidence**, better **communication**, and more **resiliency**.

## "I LEARNED HOW TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX AND BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING THROWN AT ME"

*-Unscripted Student, 9th grade*

### OUR 22-23 SCHOOL YEAR

**13** schools | **36** classrooms | **786** students  
**400+** hours of improv



### OUR IMPACT

**79%** of students feel they can better understand their emotions and the emotions of others

**80%** of students feel they became better communicators

**67%** of students demonstrated increases in social self-efficacy

**77%** of students feel more confident participating in class

**81%** of students feel more comfortable with their peers in class

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