



SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Make sure your school representative (the person who's filling out the application) has access to the following information:

- Student demographics
- Teacher/student ratio
- Course enrollment rates
- Theatre education electives offered at your school
- Theatre teacher qualifications
- Standards used for assessing theatre education
- Theatre facilities at your school
- Budget/funding (including Title I and Title IV usage)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To apply for the Premier Communities distinction, school theatre programs must meet the following criteria:

- Program uses standards-based instruction
- Program offers at least one curricular theatre course
- Performance space is safe as proven by regular inspection from certified technicians and inclusion of first aid/safety materials and instruction
- Program adheres to licensing, copyright, and intellectual property laws
- Program provides production opportunities to students
- Program has at least one qualified theatre teacher on staff
- Program provides teachers with qualified evaluators who use meaningful evaluation methods to measure instructional design, classroom management, and pedagogy in the theatre classroom



EVIDENCE CHECKLIST

To receive the Premier Communities distinction, applicants must provide evidence in the following categories as indicated by the [EdTA Theatre Opportunity to Learn Standards](#). Applications and evidence will be evaluated for accuracy by EdTA staff, and the distinction will be awarded to schools/districts whose evidence successfully proves the claims made in the application form.

Section C – Curriculum and Curricular Resources

Required Evidence:

- Theatre course syllabi

Additional Evidence (choose one):

- Student assessment example
- Student work sample
- Production contract sample

Section D – Scheduling

Required Evidence:

- Daily bell schedule

Additional Evidence (choose one):

- Performance rehearsal schedule
- Facility use schedule
- Master course schedule
- Master extracurricular activities schedule

Section E – Staffing

Required Evidence (choose one):

- A copy of teacher evaluation procedures
- A blank copy of teacher evaluation

Additional Evidence (choose one):

- Completed worksheets from EdTA Theatre Educator Evaluation workbook
- Proof of highly qualified/effective teacher (licenses; national Board certification, CTE certification, SAG/AFTRA membership; completed, de-identified evaluations)

Section F: Resources and Equipment

Required Evidence (choose at least one):

- Theatre blueprint/floor plan
- Proof of ADA compliance
- Photos of classroom or storage spaces

Section G: Safety

Required Evidence:

- Facility safety manual/procedures

Additional Evidence (choose one):

- Completion of EdTA/NFHS safety course
- Schedule of maintenance
- Inventory of safety equipment