

# Spotlight on Inclusion:

## Theatre Practices for Teaching Students with Disabilities



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## FREE Teacher Workshop!

Wednesday | October 8, 2025

Time | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Location | OCDE Building B - Room B1011

Registration | <http://ocde.k12oms.org/1241-262909>

### In this workshop, you will:

- Learn techniques and strategies to support students with disabilities in theatre arts classes and performances.
- Explore different accommodations and adaptive planning techniques to help ensure all students not only get to participate in theatre but shine onstage.
- Take away practical and implementable lessons that can be brought into your classroom, school, or production.
- Discover information and resources to implement in class.

**Target Audience:** General Ed. Elementary and Secondary Teachers, Special Education Teachers, and Theater-Arts Teachers.

**LCAP:** Pupil Outcomes - Other Pupil Outcomes

**CA MTSS:** Whole Child - Inclusive Academic Instruction



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