The International Thespian Society is the only theatre honor society for middle and high school students in the country. Affiliation brings credibility and distinction to students, theatre programs, and schools. It is a visible, positive symbol of the quality of your theatre program.

ITS recognizes, rewards, and encourages student achievement and celebrates the work of students in all aspects of theatre—performance and production. Each student is honored on a national level and gains access to opportunities and resources beyond those of their school.

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How it works

The International Thespian Society group at each school is known as a troupe, and it is led by a troupe director. A point system helps track student work, as high school and middle school students earn induction and the designation of Thespian or Junior Thespian, respectively. Students go on to earn progressively higher honors.

What troupe directors get

- Full membership in the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA), including:
  - Member rates for International Thespian Festival and EdTA National Conference, vetted educational resources
  - Professional education and networking at national and state conferences
  - "Teaching Theatre" journal edited for working educators and teaching artists
  - Opportunities for state and national leadership development, recognition, and awards
  - Representation in promoting and shaping theatre arts education policy

What students get

- Pride, recognition, and affirmation in earning induction into an international honor society
- Official membership pin, card, and certificate
- Exclusive Thespian interviews for college admission and scholarships
- School, state, and international leadership opportunities
- Eligibility for state and international Thespian opportunities including training, mentoring, and assessment from theatre arts educators and stage professionals
- "Dramatics" magazine, the only publication edited exclusively for theatre students and teachers

By the numbers

- 50 states
- 13 countries
- 135,000 student and teacher members
- 5,000 programs in 5,000 schools
- 2.3MILLION Thespians inducted since 1929