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About 250 High School Students Compete in Annual Event

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Gardner-Webb University Department of Theatre is a regional site for the North Carolina Theatre Conference (NCTC) High School Play Festival on Nov. 8-9. Two plays from each of the eight regional festivals advance to the NCTC State High School Play Festival. The top two shows at the state festival go on to a national festival.

About 250 high school students will be at Gardner-Webb to perform 15 plays. Each school will load-in its set into a backstage area that is approximately 10 feet by 10 feet before taking the stage to perform. Students have 45 minutes to tell their story and leave the stage completely clear. Following their performance, students receive verbal and written feedback from industry experts. When not performing, students watch performances from other schools, learn from their peers and make new theatre friends.

The event is free and open to the public. The competition begins at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 8 and at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 9 in Gardner-Webb's Dover Theatre. Schools from Charlotte, Hendersonville, Lake Lure and other areas will be performing. The complete schedule is available [here](#).

[Learn more about the GWU Department of Theatre Arts.](#)

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.



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