



2018--2019 COURSE SYLLABUS

Competitive Speech and Debate

Course of Study

Competitive Speech and Debate begins with an overview of the events for competition and the multiple choices students have for participation in these events. The aspects of logical reasoning and argumentation are studied, as well as the basics of good communication. Students are to research and present arguments on current issues, learn case construction, refutation, and cross-examination techniques. Students will also learn how to make and use visual aids, how to write an effective speech, and how to develop interpretation skills. These studies will lead to participation in tournaments around the country this school year.

Tournament Participation (500 points)

Competitive Speech class gives students the opportunity to travel to other schools and participate in debate and individual tournament events. **Participation in tournaments is a requirement of this course.** Students must compete in **5 or more tournaments** to meet the minimum requirements for this course. It is strongly recommended that students attend three competitions in the first semester, as the second semester tournaments are mostly qualifiers for the state and national competitions. In addition, a minimum of 8 students and 2 parent judges must sign up before we go to a tournament. Failure to attend a tournament or failure to notify 48 hours in advance will result in a \$25 fee. Fees that are not paid will result in inability to compete in future tournaments. Students will arrange their own rides to and from the tournaments.

Each tournament will be worth 100 points, not including reflections. To receive full credit, you must attend **and participate in** the events you have signed up for. Leaving the tournament before the rest of the team leaves will result in loss of points.

Fees and Dues

In order to pay the league membership dues and to defray costs, each student must contribute \$10 per semester to the Speech and Debate Club. Additionally, each student must pay a \$5 registration fee for each tournament. Fundraising will help to minimize the out of pocket expenses for travel tournaments.

In-Class Expectations

Students are expected to be self-motivated and driven. The Speech and Debate classroom is unlike a typical classroom in that students will be held accountable for their own progress. Depending on which events students choose to compete in, they will be assigned to an in-class group led by a senior team member. These smaller groups will meet every day. Students are expected to meet with coach or cabinet member prior to competing in a tournament. These coaching sessions need to include at least one with the team coach.

Team Captains

The team captains are very important to our team. Team captains will help facilitate communication between coaches and the class.. Get to know your captains; they will be of great help to you!



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Assignments and Grading

- Participation in class is essential to student success in tournaments. If you are always on time to class and working on your tasks, you will earn all your participation points (25 points per week). On the other hand, if you are frequently tardy or absent, you will lose these points and your grade will be adversely affected.
- Competitor must be cleared by a coach prior to competing in each tournament. During coaching sessions, students will record comments and critiques. These coaching notes will be reviewed and assigned points later.
- Any deadlines for specific events must be met before the tournaments.
- Recruitment for Speech and Debate Competitive team and/or participation in Speech Contests will each earn 50 points toward the Tournament Participation grade.

Grade Category Weights

Tournament Participation	45%
Final Exam	15%
Daily Participation: -Attendance 5 pts./day -Promptness 2 pts./day	20%
Written Work -Debate Research -Notes and other assignments	20%

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JFK Speech and Debate Schedule 2018-2019

CVFL #1 (Debate)	9/15	Nevada Union HS
* Jack Howe Memorial Invitational	9/21-9/23	CSU Long Beach
CVFL #2 (Speech)	10/13	Woodcreek HS
CVFL #3 (Debate)	10/20	Mira Loma HS
CVFL #4 (Speech)	11/10	Antelope HS
CVFL #5 (Debate)	12/8	Granite Bay HS
*John Edie Holiday Debates Invitational	12/13-12/16	The Blake School (Minnesota)
Arizona State University Invitational	1/3-1/6	Arizona State University(Tempe)
Martin Luther King Invitational	1/18-1/20	James Logan High School
CVFL #6 (Speech)	2/2	Oak Ridge HS
Stanford University Invitational	2/8-2/10	Stanford University
Cal Berkeley Invitational	2/16-2/19	UC Berkeley
Speech State Qualifier	2/25-2/26	John F Kennedy HS
Debate State Qualifier	3/1-3/2	West Campus HS
Congress NSDA Qualifier	4/6	John F Kennedy HS
Non-Congress NSDA Qualifier	TBD	Ponderosa HS
*Tournament Of Champions	4/26-4/29	University of Kentucky(Lexington)
*CHSSA State Championship	5/3-5/5	CSU Long Beach
*NSDA National Championship	6/15-6/22	Dallas, TX