

Dear Coach,

You and your squad are invited to compete in the Hillcrest High School Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament to be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Reed Middle School.

Competition for 7th and 8th-grade students will be offered in the following events:

- Original Oratory
- Informative Speaking
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Duo Interpretation (Virtual)
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Dramatic Interpretation (Virtual)
- Humorous Interpretation (Virtual)
- Prose/Poetry Reading (Virtual)

All entries should be entered on Tabroom no later than Friday, January 7, 2022, @ 5:00 pm.

Video links should be entered in Tabroom no later than Monday, January 10, @ 8:00 pm. Please check the links of your videos. If a judge cannot view the video, that student will receive the last rank in the room. Please submit all entries on Tabroom.

COVID-19 Protocols: (Subject to change as district directives may change)

1. Masking while in the building is required; except while eating and performing.
2. Ballots will be virtual and can be found on Tabroom during the tournament.
3. Each school will have its own room that is its own common area.

Smaller schools will be paired together to allow us more room for competition.

Individual Event Rules:

Extemporaneous Speaking: Topics will be based on current events. 30-minute prep time. No internet is allowed during prep time. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Duo Interpretation: A memorized humorous or dramatic piece performed from a published source by 2 students following NSDA guidelines, no original content except for the introduction. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Original Oratory: The speech must be the original work of the contestant. No more than 150 words may be a direct quotation. The presentation should be memorized. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Humorous Interpretation: Selection may be taken from any published novel, play, or short story. Selections must possess literary merit and be age-appropriate. An adequate introduction should be provided. No props may be used. Selections should be memorized. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Dramatic Interpretation: Selection may be taken from any published novel, play, or short story. Selections must possess literary merit and be age-appropriate. An adequate introduction should be provided. No props may be used. Selections should be memorized. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Prose/Poetry Reading: Selections must be from a published source. Selections must possess literary merit and be age-appropriate. An adequate introduction should be provided. No props may be used. Selections should not be memorized. Prose selections must be no more than 50% dialogue. Poetry selections may be a combination of short poems on the same theme or by the same author OR they may be from a longer poetic piece. Time limit: 4 minutes maximum.

Informative Speaking: Original informative speech performed from memory, students may use non-electronic visual aids following NSDA rules. Time limit: 5 minutes maximum.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Rules:

1. The Lincoln-Douglas Debate proposition shall be the Novice NSDA topic: Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.
2. Lincoln-Douglas rounds may be "flighted", meaning that (depending on the size of the tournament), the schedule might have two sets of debates scheduled for the same room during the round.
3. Lincoln-Douglas format to be used for middle school is as follows: Affirmative Constructive 3 minutes Cross-Examination 2 minutes Negative Constructive 4 minutes Cross-Examination 2 minutes 1st Affirmative Rebuttal 2 minutes Negative Rebuttal 2 minutes 2nd Affirmative Rebuttal 1 minute 2 minutes of prep per side

General Rules:

- Each school must be accompanied by an adult sponsor.
- Sweepstakes awards are presented for first, second, and third place.
- Awards for the Top 6 will be presented for all events.
- Campus regulations prohibit the use of tobacco products, drugs, and alcohol.
- No food or drink is to be taken out of the cafeteria.
- Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the elimination of that contestant.
- Fees are due for cancellations made after the deadline.
- Entry fee is \$5.00 per entry.

Sweepstakes Rules:

- A school's best two entries in each event earn sweepstakes points.
- 10 points qualify for finals
- 5 points - 3rd place
- 10 points - 2nd place
- 15 points - 1st place

Schedule -

Schedule might be adjusted on Saturday depending on LD entries and number of judges

- Asynchronous Prelims - Wednesday 1/12 - Thursday 1/13
- Asynchronous Finals - Friday 1/14

Live Events - Saturday 1/15

- Registration 8:00 am
- Debate Round 1 8:45 am
- Debate Round 2 9:30 am
- Debate Round 3 10:15 am
- Debate Round 4 11:00 am
- Extemp Draw Round 1 11:30 am
- LIVE Speech Events Round 1 12:30 pm
- Speech Round 1 12:45 pm
- Extemp Draw Round 2 1:15 pm
- LIVE Speech Events Round 2 2:30 pm
- Debate Semifinals 3:15 pm
- Extemp Draw Finals 3:45 pm
- LIVE Speech Events Finals 5:00 pm
- Debate Finals Awards will happen as soon as results are entered.

Trophies and Sweepstakes Awards:

- 6 competitors will advance to the finals
- Trophies will be awarded to 1st-3rd Place
- Medals will be awarded to 4th-6th Place
- The top 3 schools will receive sweepstakes awards