



"Kickin' It"

A Celebration of Students in Drama, Speech, and Debate
West Ada School District Training Center, Meridian



2024 ISATA Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 27, 2024

12:00 Lunch Jimmy John's Sandwich and Wraps Bar (Payette Conference Room)
Training Center Lobby - Registration

1:00 General Session

Salmon Conference Room

Introductions/Welcome – Donnie Drobny - ISATA President

Keynote Address

"Let's Kick Some..."

Dr. James Weaver, Director of Performing Arts and Sports, NFHS

- "Don't teach your kid to code - teach them to communicate" - Neville Wilson

1:30 Break (snacks and beverages available in the Payette Room both days)

1:45 Breakout Session - All Should Attend

Salmon Conference Room

"The Challenge of Copyrights"

Dr. James Weaver - Director of Performing Arts and Sports, NFHS

- Cannot share PowerPoint due to copyright but a lot of the information is available at the [NFHS website found here](#)

2:45 Break

3:00 Reports/Updates - PowerPoint linked here

IHSAA Report – Julie Hammons, Assistant Executive Director and Chad Williams

- Competitive opportunities within the Speech Arts
- State Drama - December 6-7
 - Canyon Ridge High School host (Seve Isaacs)
 - Taunya Page (manager)
 - Julie Hammons (IHSAA rep)
- State Debate - March 14-15
 - Kimberly High School host (Katie Klahman)
 - TBD Manager
 - Chad Williams (IHSAA Rep)
- State Speech - April 11-12

- Blackfoot High School (Jordan Reynolds)
 - TBD Manager
 - Mike Federicco (IHSA Rep)
- See PowerPoint for Full Rotation Schedule through 28/29 School Year
- State Qualifiers
 - Drama - 6A/5A/4A
 - Debate - divide *qualifying* schools into thirds
 - Speech - divide *registered* programs into fourths (Division 4 (largest) through Division 1)
 - Classification and Alignment will be available on the speech page of the IHSA website
 - Possible changes to the District Manager Report Process - hopefully something we can do straight from Tabroom
 - Please make sure your administration is watching your performances, speeches and debates rather than just signing the Principal Verification Form
- Coach/Judge Certification
 - Dates will be sent out as soon as possible
- Eligibility
 - Possible rule change to exempt Speech Arts students from Rule 8-5 Awards
 - Check with your AD to make sure school activity fees have been paid
 - No practicing with other schools if you are not in an official co-op
- Everyone has to take 3 required courses
 - St Luke's Concussion Course
 - NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course
 - NFHS Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Course
- Make sure AD has updated the IHSA directory - this is how Julie sends out communication
- New Grievance Guidelines
 - In break rounds, the only people that can file grievances are the judges from the round. Coaches will no longer be able to file grievances in out rounds (coaches will still be able to file grievances in prelims)

3:30 Presentation - State Dept of Education and the Speech Communication Proposal

Greg Wilson - Chief of Staff, Idaho State Department of Education

Allison Duman - K-12 Workforce Project Specialist, Idaho State Department of Education

- Questions need to be saved to the end and will be moderated. We will try to answer questions directly but there might be questions that are further along in the process than we will be able to answer.
- Why Now?

- Statewide graduation requirements have not been reviewed or updated comprehensively in over 10 years
- Industry and workforce needs have changed dramatically over the last 10-15 years (and parents)
- The post secondary pendulum has shifted to focus on post-secondary preparation for **ALL** students (college readiness, trade school, military, religious mission, exploration, etc)
- Who Benefits?
 - **Students** - creating an individualized and meaningful secondary experience for **ALL** students
 - **Districts and public charter schools** - retaining and increasing flexibility for schools
 - **Stakeholders** - creating a solid foundation of support from OSBE, SDE, and other education partners.
- SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
 - Flexibility for meeting standards
 - Replace 1 credit of communication with 1 credit of digital literacy
 - Localized pathways - minimum two pathways for future goals
 - Future Readiness Project instead of Senior Project -tying back to college and career readiness
- Why are we adding digital literacy?
 - The world of work is changing
 - Maintaining flexibility for school districts
 - Student safety and mental health
 - Replacing a core state requirement - flexibility is a main point of focus which is why we are replacing, not adding on
- What happens to comm?
 - Districts can still require it as part of the 17 elective credits
 - We do not feel communications is going away - it will be offered in a different way
 - The expectations is that they will retain the requirement
 - Localized pathways will be encouraged to require communications requirements
 - "We do not feel there is an elimination but rather a shift"
 - College and Career Competencies are heavy in communication concepts
- Feedback
 - State Department of Education - gradupdates@sde.idaho.gov
 - State Board of Education - rules@edu.idaho.gov
 - Local decision - engage your local administration and board
- Why Speech?
 - There isn't a lot of wiggle room with other content as they already are low requirements (6 math and 6 science instead of 8)
- What resources will be provided for digital literacy?
 - We don't have a full answer yet but will probably be online

- Feedback would be helpful - do you prefer physical copies or digital?
- Who will make the curriculum?
 - Curriculum is decided at the local level but the department would provide the standards
- Digital literacy at the middle school - why adding in high school?
 - These will be different. Build on the same concepts. Coding isn't taught at middle school so we will add on to what is being taught earlier.
 - Life after high school
- Who can teach it?
 - Anyone with a certificate because it is introductory
- Was there pressure for this course?
 - Absolutely
 - The feasibility of a straight up computer science is difficult

4:15 **Recognition Nominations**

ISATA Leadership

ISATA Awards

IHSAA Awards

ONLINE AWARD VOTING DUE BY 8:00 PM TODAY

5:30 **Adjournment**

Saturday, September 28, 2024

7:30 **Continental Breakfast**

Payette Room (lunch and all snacks and beverages will be available from here)

8:00 **Reports/Updates**

ISATA President – Donnie Drobny, Borah High School

ISATA Secretary – Brittney Burns, Mountain View High School

ISATA Treasurer – Katie Klahman, Kimberly High School

ISATA/IHSAA Representative - Dana Facer, Pocatello High School

ISATA Tech Director – Jennifer Borman, Tech Commissioner/Guru

8:45 **Breakout Session - All Should Attend**

Salmon Room

["The Grievance Process" - see the document here](#)

Led by Jennifer Borman, Tech Commissioner

9:45 **Break**

10:00 **Salmon Room** [Speech Caucus - see speech minutes here](#)

Robin Christensen, Speech Commissioner

Clearwater Room [Drama Caucus - see drama minutes here](#)

Allison Knoll, Drama Commissioner

11:45 **Lunch**

Idaho Pizza Company (Payette Conference Room)

12:30 **Salmon Room**

[Debate Caucus - see debate minutes here](#)

Jethro Smith, Debate Commissioner

Clearwater Room **Drama Workshop**

Intimacy and Consent - Jen Gorman

2:00 **Break**

2:15 **Salmon Room**

[Debate Workshop - See the presentation here](#)

World School Debate - Jethro Smith, Highland High School

Lochsa Room

[Drama Workshop - See spreadsheet here](#)

State/District Data Sheets - Alix Van Noy, Highland High school

Clearwater Room [Grievance Procedure Committee Meeting](#) (same link as above)

Jenn Borman

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **General Session (Drama, Speech, and Debate caucus reports)**

Award Presentations/Election Announcements:

- **ISATA President:** Donnie Drobny (Borah)
- **ISATA Vice President:** Dom Molet (Timberline)
- **ISATA Secretary:** Brittnay Burns (Mountain View)
- **ISATA Treasurer:** Katie Klahman (Kimberly)
- **Tech Commissioner:** Jenn Borman
- **Acting/Directing Teacher of the Year:** Sue Parrette (Skyline)
- **Technical Theatre Teacher of the Year:** Megan Smith (Idaho Falls)
- **NFHS Outstanding Theater Coach of the Year:** Seve Isaacs (Canyon Ridge)
- **Debate Teacher of the Year:** Brock Sondrup (Rigby)
- **Speech Teacher of the Year:** Christine Hubbard (Skyline)
- **NFHS Outstanding Speech/Debate Coach of the Year:** Robin Christensen (Idaho Falls)
- **ISATA Hall of Fame:** Donnie Drobny (Borah)
- **Dwayne D. Wolfe Award:** Brian and Jennifer Nordstrom
- **Wes Lowe Award:** Brent Schindler (Teton)
- **Dick Fleischmann Award:** Jenn Borman
- **IHSAA Hall of Fame:** Julie Underhill

Salmon Room

ASAP **Adjournment** @ 4:24 pm