



**V. Sue Cleveland High School**  
**"Eye of the Storm" Speech & Debate Invitational**  
**January 31-February 1, 2025**

*Registration is online at <http://chsstorm.tabroom.com>*

**When:** January 31- February 1, 2025

**Where:** In Person at Cleveland High School, 4800 Cleveland Heights Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM

**Registration Deadline:** January 24, 2025, 3:00 pm

**Entry Fees:** \$10 per single entry, \$20 for team events (PF, Policy, etc.)

**Judging Obligations:** Each school is required to provide 1 judge per every 4 debate entries and 1 judge per every 4 speech entries. Judges should be entered in Tabroom by their coaches or they can register via the public sign-up feature. Please ensure that time constraints and affiliations are noted otherwise it will be assumed that judges are available for the duration of the tournament. If you have judges who are only available for 1-2 rounds, please try to provide another with opposite availability so that we can ensure that all rounds are covered.

**Events Offered:**

Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Novice & Varsity)

Public Forum Debate (Novice & Varsity)

Policy Debate (Novice & Varsity)

Dramatic Interpretation

Humorous Interpretation

Duo Interpretation

Program Oral Interpretation

Informative Speaking

Original Oratory

United States Extemporaneous

International Extemporaneous

Impromptu Speaking

\*We will attempt to have Novice and Varsity divisions for debate, but divisions are subject to collapse based on the number of entries in each.

**\*V. Sue Cleveland students will participate and be eligible for awards.**

**The tournament defines novice and varsity as follows:**

Varsity: A student who competed in 8 or more rounds of speech or debate in the previous school year, has attended the National Speech & Debate Tournament, or has broken into an elimination round at the State or District tournament will be considered varsity. If one person on a CX, PF, or Duo team meets the standards of Varsity, the team must be registered as Varsity.

Novice: A student who has not competed before the current school year, competed in less than 8 speech or debate rounds last school year, and is not disqualified through other criteria will be considered novice. If one student in a CX, PF, or Duo team qualifies as Varsity, the team must compete as Varsity.

**Double Entry:** A student may double-enter in a maximum of two speech events and one debate event. If double-entered in speech events, it is the student's responsibility to report to the judges of said events and establish that they are double-entered and will need to adjust speaker order accordingly.

**Topic Areas:**Lincoln-Douglas: 2025 January/February Topic

Resolved: The United States ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and/or the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Public Forum: 2025 January Topic

Resolved: The African Union should grant diplomatic recognition to the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state.

Policy: 2024-25 Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

Extemp Topic Areas:

USX Round 1: Education

USX Round 2: Politics

USX Round 3: Foreign Policy & National Security

USX Finals: Social Issues

IX Round 1: North Africa

IX Round 2: Middle East

IX Round 3: Indo-Pacific

IX Finals: Global Environmental & Humanitarian Issues

**Driving/Parking**

Cleveland High School is located at 4800 Cleveland Heights Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM. There is plenty of parking in the student parking lot, located on the West side of the building, near the gym and football stadium.

Friday, January 31, 2025	
2:30 pm	Registration
3:00 pm	Debate Round 1 (Flight 1-3:00 pm, Flight 2- 4:00 pm)
5:00 pm	Extemp Draw
5:30 pm	Speech Round 1
7:00 pm	Debate Round 2 (Flight 1- 7:00 pm, Flight 2- 8:00 pm)

Saturday, February 1, 2025	
8:00 am	Debate Round 3 (Flight 1-8:00 am, Flight 2-9:00 am)
10:00 am	Extemp Draw
10:30 am	Speech Round 2
11:30 am	Debate Round 4 (Flight 1- 11:30 am, Flight 2- 12:30 pm)
1:30 pm	Extemp Draw
2:00 pm	Speech Round 3
3:00 pm	Debate Semi-Finals/Speech Semi-Finals (event-specific based on entries)
4:30 pm	Extemp Draw
5:00 pm	Speech Finals (event-specific based on entries)
6:00 pm	Debate Finals (event-specific based on entries)
7:30 pm	Awards (time is tentative as always)

\*Schedule is subject to change due to the number of entries and if an adjustment needs to be made to the number of out rounds.