

Glenrock Middle School Speech and Debate Meet	
Pattern A- Poetry and Debate (No Double Entry) Pattern B-Interp and Impromptu (Double Entry Possible)	
Registration and Arrival	8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
Round 1 Pattern A	9:00 - 9:40 a.m
Round 1 Pattern B	9:45 - 10:25 a.m.
Round 2 Pattern A	10:30 - 11:10 a.m.
Round 2 Pattern B	11:15 - 11:55 a.m.
Round 3 Pattern A	12:00 - 12:40 p.m.
Round 3 Pattern B	12:45 - 1:25 p.m.
Finals Pattern A	1:30 - 2:10 p.m.
Finals Pattern B	2:15 - 2:55 p.m.
Awards	3: 15 - 4:00 p.m.

Fees:

All individual events will be \$5.00 each

Duo or individual events with 2 people will be \$10.00 each

Awards:

Up to 6th place in each category

Award for the competitor displaying the best speech and debate etiquette.

Coloring Award

Poetry:

This event will be individual students performing printed, published poetry. Competitors are expected to present from a manuscript. This is required for this event. Poems may be several poems put together or one longer poem.

Time limit: 7 minutes (students will not be judged on time)

Interp Events:

Drama, Humor or Duet (performed with a partner). All interp events compete together; however, we will try to separate Drama (individuals or duos) from Humor (individuals or duos) as much as possible.

Time limit: 7 minutes (Students will not be judged on time)

Impromptu

In this event, students will be performing by themselves. Impromptu is a public speaking event where students have seven total minutes to select a topic, brainstorm their ideas, outline the speech, and finally, deliver the speech. They may use notes. The speech can be light-hearted or serious. The prompts can range from nursery rhymes, current events, celebrities, organizations, and more.

Students who do Impromptu take their prompt and organize a speech following a basic structure - introduction, main points, and conclusion. Students consider the use of humor, personal anecdote, historical perspectives, news stories, and logic to help formulate their ideas when preparing the speech. The speech should be easy to follow with a central thesis and supporting points.

During a tournament, the judge will have the topics for the speakers. In the round, the first speaker will be given their prompt and then the judge will start their 7 minutes on the timer. Once that time is up and the ballot is finished, the judge will give the second speaker their topics, and so on.

Debate Events:

The debate format is unique to middle school. Do not assume alignment with any high school debate event.

Debaters are allowed to compete alone or as a team. If competing as a team they should both take a turn, which means one will speak twice and the other once. The times for each debate are:

Aff Constructive – 4 minutes

Cross Examination – 2 minutes

Neg Constructive – 4 minutes

Cross Examination – 2 minutes

Aff Rebuttal – 3 minutes

Neg Rebuttal – 3 minutes

Aff Summary – 2 minutes

Neg Summary – 2 minutes

Each side receives 2 minutes of total prep time to use when they want during the round.

The summary should focus on arguments already presented in the debate - no new arguments may be brought up during the summary.

We decide on a topic for the season in December each year. Typically, we use past PF topics because they are usually simpler and easier for the middle school kids to understand. And plenty of briefs, research and resources will already exist. However, if we can't find one we like, we have been known to just make one up as well. We will send this topic out to the coaches when it is determined.