

**Lincoln-Sudbury
Warrior Showdown**
**LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM**

Dear Speech & Debate Coach,

The L-S Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you and your team to the Lincoln-Sudbury Warrior Showdown on **Saturday, March 22nd, 2025**. The tournament will feature Public Forum Debate, Big Questions Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Student Congress, and all Massachusetts Speech and Debate League (MSDL) speech events.

All schools must have submitted a signed MSDL Participation Agreement prior to attending.

The Massachusetts Speech and Debate League fosters a culture of diversity and inclusion. We expect all members of our community to treat one another with respect. Should you have any issues, please come to the Information table and ask to speak with our equity officer.

Location:

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
390 Lincoln Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Contact: Joyce Albert, Tournament Director, jeba78@verizon.net

Hosts:

LS Speech and Debate, lssd101@gmail.com
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Registration Information:

We are asking for your completed online registration by **Wednesday, March 19th at 5:00 PM**. All entries must be covered (1 for 5 in speech and Congress, 1 for 2 in debate), and there will be no hired judges available.

Fees:

Schools should plan to bring cash or a check payable to the Lincoln-Sudbury Speech and Debate Team to cover their registration fees on the day of the tournament.

While we would prefer payment to be made in person, fees not paid on the day of the tournament will be accepted within 30 days and should be mailed to Lincoln-Sudbury

Regional High School, 390 Lincoln Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 with “Speech and Debate Tournament” in the memo line of the check.

All postings and judging will be done electronically. There will be no paper postings. Students will need a device on which to receive electronic messages from Tabroom, including pairings and room numbers. Judges will need a device, preferably a laptop, on which to receive electronic messages from Tabroom, including pairings and room numbers, and to enter ballots and ballot comments. There will be no paper ballots.

Speech

We are pleased to offer the following speech events:

- Children’s Literature
- Dramatic Performance
- Duo Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Group Discussion
- Impromptu
- Informative Speaking
- Multiple Reading
- Novice Extemporaneous Speaking
- Novice Oral Interpretation (final only)*
- Oratorical Declamation
- Original Oratory
- Play Reading
- Poetry Reading
- Program Oral Interpretation
- Prose Reading
- Radio Broadcasting

**A final round will be held in Novice Oral Interpretation; please register your novice readers (Children’s Literature, Play Reading, Poetry Reading, Prose Reading) in Novice Oral Interpretation.*

Group Discussion Topic: Mental Health with subtopics In Our Schools, Social Media Impact, Technology and Treatment, and Insurance Coverage.

The registration fee will be \$10 per speech entry.

Note: Multiple and Duo Interp entries count as two entries

Student Congress

Congress Bills will be posted on Tabroom. Students should submit Congress legislation to Joe Bowden at joe.bowden@gmail.com by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 14th.

The registration will be \$10 per speech entry.

Public Forum Debate

Both Varsity and Novice divisions will use the March 2025 NSDA topic:

Resolved: In the United States, the benefits of the use of generative artificial intelligence in education outweigh the harms.

The registration fee will be \$20 per PFD team.

Big Questions Debate

We will be using the 2024-2025 NSDA topic:

Resolved: Creativity is a more powerful force than intelligence.

The registration fee will be \$20 per BQ team.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Both divisions will use the March 2025 NSDA topic:

Resolved: The development of Artificial General Intelligence is immoral.

The registration fee will be \$10 per LD entry.

In Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate only, middle school students may compete. In accordance with MSDL bylaws, in the event that the middle school is part of the high school, students must still attend as part of a distinct school entry.

General Instructions

1. This is planned to be a double-entry tournament, with the following exceptions:
 - Congress and Debate are single-entry events.
 - Students entered in Group Discussion, Extemporaneous Speaking, Novice Extemporaneous Speaking and Radio Broadcasting may not enter in any additional event other than Multiple.
 - Students may double enter in two of the Speech events not listed above and in Multiple (a total of three events).
2. Drops: You may drop entries until 5:00pm Thursday, March 20th without penalty. All drops after that time should be sent to jeba78@verizon.net. Your team will be assessed a \$5 nuisance fee per dropped entry.
3. Judges: You must bring:
 - One judge for every five speech or Congress entries (or fraction thereof).
 - One judge for every two debate entries (or fraction thereof).
 - Judge quotas are based on your school's entry at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19th. A \$50 penalty will be assessed per missing judge.
4. All students and judges should plan to be in attendance for the duration of the tournament, including final rounds.
5. Saturday morning: Text (preferred) or call 508-397-5143 between 7:30am and 8:00am to confirm your entry. This assists us in making any last-minute changes to assignments.
6. Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the top six entries for each debate event and top 6 entries for each Speech event. The top speakers will also be recognized.
7. Standard rules of professionalism and etiquette will be expected at all times.
8. Food: A variety of pre-packaged and/or single-serving food selections and beverages will be available for purchase all day. We will make every effort to offer gluten-free/nut-free and vegetarian food choices.
9. Parking: Parking will be available in the main lot. You can recognize it by the solar panels. DO NOT USE FRONT ENTRANCE. Instead, use the labeled cafeteria entrance. There will be students outside helping to direct people to the correct entrance.

Tentative Schedule

7:30–8:00 am	Confirmation text <i>Please text, even if you do not have drops (508-397-5143)</i>
8:00–8:30 am	Onsite registration
8:15 am	Judge Briefings: New Speech Judges at 8:15 am and returning judges at 9:15 am. Debate Judges at 8:30 am
9:00 am	General Meeting for Competitors
9:30 am–6:00 pm	Competition Rounds
6:30 pm	Awards

Thank you and we hope to see you on March 22nd!