

**Back Mountain Invitational
Dallas High School
Conyngham Avenue, Dallas, PA 18612**

Modifications to the schedule and the Novice LD resolution posted on 10/14/25.

October 9, 2025

Dear Coaches,

On behalf of the Dallas School District and the Dallas High School speech and debate team, I would like to invite you and your team to our second annual Back Mountain Invitational on Saturday, November 15, 2024, at Dallas High School. We will offer competition in the following categories:

- Novice Declamation
- Novice and Varsity Original Oratory
- Novice and Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking
- Novice and Varsity Oral Interpretation
- Novice and Varsity Dramatic Performance
- Novice and Varsity Impromptu Speaking
- Novice and Varsity Duo Interpretation
- Novice and Varsity Student Congress
- Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Novice and Varsity Public Forum Debate

We may combine novice and varsity events if the numbers warrant it. Finals will be held in all events. All competitors advancing beyond preliminary rounds will be recognized at our awards ceremony.

The following pages outline registration deadlines, fees, and important dates. Please be sure all of your competitors and judges have Tabroom.com accounts. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at Dallas High School or at home at the phone numbers listed below.

I hope to see you on November 15th!

Angela Carpenter
Dallas High School Speech and Debate Coach

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(570) 540-9389 (cell)

General Tournament Information

Event Rules

We will use NCFL rules for all events, with the exception of Impromptu Speaking, which will use PHSSL rules.

Double Entries

Double entries are allowed in all speech events, excluding Student Congress. There are no double entries in Lincoln-Douglas Debate or Public Forum Debate.

Debate Topics

Lincoln-Douglas Debate will use the NSDA November/December topic:

Resolved: The United States ought to rewild substantial tracts of land.

Public Forum Debate will use the NSDA November/December topic:

Resolved: The United States federal government should require technology companies to provide lawful access to encrypted communications.

Congress Legislation

Please submit one piece of legislation per school no later than **Wednesday, October 29, 2025**. Upload your bills directly to Tabroom.com. The bill packet will be posted on **Friday, October 31, 2025**. Please note we will pre-set our agenda for the preliminary rounds when the packet is posted.

Registration

Registration will be online through Tabroom.com. Registration will be open from Monday, October 13, 2025, until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Changes made after the registration deadline must be emailed to Angela Carpenter at acarpenter@dsdhs.com or called in at 570-540-9389.

Fees

\$15.00 School Fee

\$5.00 per Individual Entry IE or LD debater

\$10.00 per Public Forum or Duo team

\$5.00 per change made after registration closes

Teams that withdraw their complete entry after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, will be asked to pay a nuisance fee equal to 50% of their registration fee.

Judges

*1 judge for every 5 speeches or Congress entries or fraction thereof. A Duo team counts as one speech entry.

*1 judge for every 2 Public Forum teams or fraction thereof

*1 judge for every 2 Lincoln-Douglas Debaters or fraction thereof

Judges are expected to be available for the entire day.

Checks

Checks should be made out to **Dallas High School** with Speech and Debate in the memo.

Lunch Tickets

You can purchase lunch tickets for \$7. Lunch will include pizza, water, fruit, chips, and a baked good. Place your lunch order by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Please use the concessions tab on Tabroom.com to place your order. Additional concessions will be available throughout the day.

Tentative Schedule

8:00 - 8:30	Registration: Lobby
9:00	Opening Assembly: Performing Arts Center
9:15	Round 1: IE, LD, PF
9:30 - 11:30	Session 1: Student Congress
10:15	Round 2: LD, PF
10:45	Round 2: IE
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch: Commons
12:15	Round 3: LD, PF
12:45	Round 3: IE
1:00 - 3:00	Session 2: Student Congress
1:15	Round 4: LD, PF
1:45	Round 4: IE
3:00	Finals in select events
5:00	Award Ceremony: Performing Arts Center