

**Back Mountain Spring Invitational
Dallas High School
2000 Conyngham Avenue, Dallas, PA 18612**

December 5, 2025

Dear Coaches,

On behalf of the Catholic Forensic League of Scranton, Dallas School District, and the Dallas High School speech and debate team, we invite you and your team to the Back Mountain Spring Invitational on **Saturday, February 7, 2026**. We will offer the following competition events:

- Novice Declamation
- Novice and Varsity Dramatic Performance
- Novice and Varsity Duo Interpretation
- Novice and Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking
- Novice and Varsity Original Oratory
- Novice and Varsity Oral Interpretation (Novice Poetry & Prose)
- Novice and Varsity Student Congress
- Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Novice and Varsity Public Forum Debate

We will also offer the following supplemental events using PHSSL rules:

- Impromptu Speaking
- Storytelling

Novice and varsity events may be combined if numbers warrant. Finals will be held in all events as numbers warrant. All competitors who advance beyond the preliminary rounds will be recognized at our awards ceremony.

The following pages outline registration deadlines, fees, and important dates. Please ensure that all your competitors and judges have Tabroom.com accounts. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the phone numbers listed below.

We hope to see you on February 7th!

Sincerely,
Angela Carpenter
Dallas High School Speech and Debate Coach

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General Tournament Information

Event Rules

We will use NCFL rules for all events, except Impromptu Speaking and Storytelling, 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 January/February topic:

Resolved: The possession of nuclear weapons is immoral.

Public Forum Debate will use the NSDA February topic:

TBA January 1

Congress Legislation

Please submit legislation by **Monday, January 19, 2026**. Upload your bills directly to Tabroom.com. The bill packet will be posted on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**.

Registration

Registration is open on [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com) until 5 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 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

\$10.00 per Individual Entry (IE) or Lincoln-Douglas debater

\$20.00 per Public Forum or Duo team

\$5.00 per change made after registration closes

NOTE: Entry fees will be adjusted at the close of registration to reflect CFLS payment plan discounts.

Teams that withdraw their complete entry after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, will be asked to pay a nuisance fee equal to 50% of their registration fee.

Judge Requirements

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

Please use the Concessions tab on Tabroom.com to place your pizza or sandwich order by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Additional concessions will be available throughout the day.

Tentative Schedule

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