

Texas Middle School State Tournament Schedule (updated on April 16, 2026)

Individual Events

Section A: Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Poetry, Storytelling, Duet Improvisation

Section B: Dramatic Interpretation, Declamation, Prose, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, Original Spoken Word Poetry, Impromptu Speaking

Friday, April 17, 2026

3:00-4:00	Registration
4:00	Mandatory Judge Meeting in the School Library
4:00	Extemp Draw, Round 1
4:30-5:45	Section A, Preliminary Round 1
6:00-7:15	Section B, Preliminary Round 1
7:15	Extemp Draw, Round 2
7:45-9:00	Section A, Preliminary Round 2

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8:00-9:15	Section B, Preliminary Round 2
9:30-10:45	Section A Quarterfinals (5 events): Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, Poetry, Storytelling
11:00-12:15	Section B Quarterfinals (4 events): Dramatic Interpretation, Prose, Original Spoken Word Poetry, Impromptu Speaking
12:15	Extemp Draw
12:45-2:00	Section A Semifinals
2:15-3:30	Section B Semifinals
3:30	Extemp Draw
4:00-5:15	Section A Finals
5:30-6:45	Section B Finals
7:30	Awards Ceremony

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Congress

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3:00-4:00	Registration
4:00	Mandatory Judge Meeting in the School Library
5:00-9:00	Final Session 1 (Students must have 3 hours of debate time.)

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9:00-1:00	Final Session 2 (Students must have 3 hours of debate time.)
2:00-6:00	Final Session 3 (Students must have 3 hours of debate time.)
7:30	Awards Ceremony

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PF/LD/World Schools Debate

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	PF Debate	LD Debate	World Schools
3:00-4:00	Registration		
4:00	Mandatory Judge Meeting in the School Library		
4:30-5:30	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1—Prepared Motion This House believes that the United States should significantly increase investment in a high-speed rail network. (Teams debate both sides of the motion.)
6:00-7:00	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2—Prepared Motion This House believes that the United States should significantly increase investment in a high-speed rail network. (Teams debate both sides of the motion.)
7:00-8:00	Break	Break	7:15—Topic Release and Prep Time
8:00-9:00	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3—Impromptu Motion

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All entries with a 4-0 or 3-1 record will advance to the elimination rounds.

	PF Debate	LD Debate	World Schools
8:00-9:00	Round 4	Round 4	8:15—Topic Release and Prep Time
9:00-10:00	Break	Break	Round 4—Impromptu Motion
10:00-11:00	Partial Quarterfinals	Partial Semifinals	Partial Semifinals—Prepared Motion This House, as a water-stressed region, would restrict water-intensive industries, even at the cost of economic growth.
11:30-12:30	Semifinals	Final	12:15—Topic Release and Prep Time
1:00-2:00	Final		Final
7:30	Awards Ceremony		