



Come and join us at the

REVERE FALL FEST SPEECH TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, October 31, 2026

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The Revere High School Speech and Debate Team is
officially inviting you to compete in our

2026 Fall Fest Speech & Congress Tournament!

Our speech tournament will be held at Revere High School, 101 School St. Revere MA 02151,
and will feature a full complement of MSDL speech events, Congressional Debate,
& 1 special event: Song Soliloquy.
We will also be holding a Costume Contest at the end of the day before awards!

We hope you enjoy your stay in Revere, home to America's First Public Beach!
We look forward to starting off the 2026-2027 MSDL Season!
Happy prepping!

*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 TAB room and ask to speak with our equity officer.*

All those in attendance will be expected to conduct themselves with
appropriate respect for their fellow competitors, judges, our school, and
all private property at all times during the tournament. We appreciate
your courtesy.

Anticipated Schedule:

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM – Check-in – text 508-397-5143 to confirm your entry

8:15 AM to 8:45 AM - Registration

8:30 AM – Judges' Meeting & Opening Ceremonies

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Preliminary Rounds

3:00 PM – Finals

4:50 Costume Contest

5:00 PM – Closing Ceremonies! (Awards)

***Call-ins:** *The MSDL rules require each team to check in on the morning of the tournament. Please text (preferred) or call in to Joyce Albert at **(508)-397-5143** with drops (or no drops) between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m.*

General Information

1. Deadlines: Registration for the tournament is now open and will end on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:00 PM. The deadline for drop-outs and judge registration is Thursday, October 29 at 5:00 PM.

2. Entries: The Revere Fall Fest is a double-entry tournament, excluding Group Discussion and Student Congress. In addition, Speech competitors, except those entered in Student Congress, may enter Multiple Reading as well. Students may enter only one draw event.

3. Fees: There is a ten-dollar registration fee per entry; the fee for duo will be \$20, while Multiple Reading is counted as one entry at the standard ten dollars. Fees may be paid in cash or by checks made out to "Revere High School".

4. Judges: For every five competitors (or fraction thereof) in speech events, each school must provide one judge. Extra judges are always welcome. There is a fifty-dollar fee to pay for a judge's drop or failure to cover your team's judging obligation. Please remember that the number of required judges is determined at the time of registration, not on the day of the tournament. All judges will need an electronic device, preferably a laptop, and will need to register for a free account at Tabroom.com as we will be using electronic balloting.

5. Eats: Food and beverages will be available for purchase in the cafeteria throughout the day! Breakfast and lunch will be offered, along with snacks and dietary-restriction-friendly options! Cash only.

6. Parking at Revere High School - Vehicles may enter the campus via School Street which is one way past the entrance for drop off and pick up at the main entrance. They may also enter the Parking Lot via True Street or Cary Ave. Avoid parking in reserved spaces or areas designated for permit or special parking.

7. Coaches/Designated Responsible Adults should report to the registration table to pick up a nametag and to pay entry fees. (If you have to forward payment afterward, you should also stop by to share that information.)

Respect our Space

Students and adults are expected to abide by standard principles of professionalism and etiquette throughout the day. Respect all classroom spaces, do not rearrange the seats, sit in teacher seats, erase important information on whiteboards, touch any classwork, artwork or lab materials. No food or drink of any sort, except water, is allowed in the classrooms and other competition spaces. No device should be unplugged. **Students after round three, round four, and finals are asked to erase the whiteboard of all tournament related markings.**

Remain in Designated Areas

Contestants and judges may only congregate in designated areas (judges lounge, the main cafeteria, classrooms open to the competition, and the auditorium during the awards ceremony only). Students should stay in areas specifically designated as tournament spaces, and may not use school equipment without permission, including but not limited to computers, printers, refrigerators, etc. The use of the field house and gym facilities is strictly prohibited.

Statement on Implicit Bias

We are all influenced by implicit bias, or the stereotypes that unconsciously affect our decisions. When judging, our implicit biases negatively impact students who are traditionally marginalized and disenfranchised. Before writing comments or making a decision, please take a moment to reflect on any biases that may impact your decision-making process.

Equity Officer

The Revere Speech & Debate Team and the MSDL foster *a culture of diversity and inclusion*. We expect all members of our community to treat one another with respect. Should the need arise, we have an equity officer available to speak with tournament participants.

Events Offered:

Children's Literature	Novice Extemporaneous Speaking
Declamation	Original Oratory
Dramatic Performance	Play Reading+
Duo Interpretation	Poetry Reading+
Extemporaneous Speaking	Program Oral Interpretation
Group Discussion	Prose Reading+
Impromptu	Radio Broadcasting
Informative Speaking	Congressional Debate
Multiple Reading	Song Soliloquy

+Please also register your novices for Novice Oral Interp if they are competing in Children's Lit, Play Reading, Poetry or Prose so they may be included in Novice Oral Interp finals if qualified.

Special Event Offered: Song Soliloquy:

(Memorized, 3 minute maximum with a 10 second grace period)

Do you have a song you relate to *so much*? Do you *feel* it on another level? Do you *know* all the lyrics? Perfect! Song Soliloquy is a unique event offered by RHS for all music lovers to enjoy! Your piece must include the lyrics of any song, without any words added. The lyrics cannot be rearranged, though cutting is permissible, and all must come from the *original song*. Your performance should begin by stating the name of the song and its creator and last up to 3 minutes, with a 10 second grace period. Performers are encouraged to use sincerity, emotion, and clarity. Feel free to play with the lyrics and tone! Make the happiest song ever extremely heartbreaking! Use your creativity! There's just one catch: no singing.

Group Discussion

The topic area will be: Artificial Intelligence (AI) with a focus on data centers, the Hugging Face incident, AI dominance, and the use of AI in schools.

Radio Broadcasting

Copy will be from current national and international press sources

Extemp

Topics will include national, international, and economic issues in successive rounds.

Costume contest

In the spirit of Halloween, students are encouraged to enter our costume contest and may compete in their Halloween attire at our tournament!

Important notes: students are not allowed to dress up as any character they are depicting in their piece and judges must disregard costumes when evaluating a student's performance.

Join us for a costume contest at our Speech and Debate tournament! Participants are welcome to wear costumes instead of formal attire. Before, and between rounds, a table will be next to the water fountain in the cafeteria, where a photo of your costume will be taken for submission. The official contest with the announced winner will take place just before the awards ceremony. The entry fee into the contest will be **\$3!** The best costume **(or costumes if enough enter)** will win a prize!

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the top six competitors in each Speech event. Top novices will receive a special memento. Sweepstakes trophies will be awarded to the top 6 large schools and top 3 small schools by ranking highest finishers in 10 events plus the next three top finishers. Awards will also be presented for each special event!

Thanks and enjoy!

Location: 101 School Street, Revere, MA, 02151

We look forward to seeing you on October 31st!

