Lincoln-Sudbury
Warrior Showdown
December 12, 2026

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, December 12, 2026.** The tournament will feature Public Forum Debate, Big Questions Debate, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Congressional Debate, 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, December 9** 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. Please include "Attention: Nancy Goldstone" on the envelope.

All postings and judging will be handled 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: Midterm Elections with a focus on the House of Representatives, the US Senate, the White House, and the US consumer.

Registration fee: $10 per speech entry.

- *Multiple and Duo Interp pairs count as two entries and hence cost $20 per pair.*

Congressional Debate

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, December 4.

Registration fee: $10 per entry in Congressional Debate.

Public Forum Debate

Both the Varsity and Novice divisions will debate the November / December 2026 NSDA topic:

> *Resolved: European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.*

Registration fee: $25 per two-person PFD team.

Big Questions Debate

Big Questions will debate the 2026-2027 NSDA topic:

> *Resolved: Technological progress has surpassed humanity's ability to use it ethically.*

Registration fee: $25 per BQ entry (either 1 or 2 debaters).

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Varsity LD will debate the November / December 2026 NSDA topic:

> *Resolved: De-extinction is unethical.*

Novice LD will have TWO divisions, each debating a different resolution:

- The **Nov-Dec** division will debate the same resolution as the varsity division - *Resolved: De-extinction is unethical.*
- The **MSDL** division will debate the Massachusetts novice topic - *Resolved: In a democracy, voting ought to be compulsory.*

Registration fee: $15 per LD entry.

Middle school students may compete in Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate only. In accordance with MSDL bylaws, middle school students must participate through the high school team in their district, not as an independent school.

General Instructions

1. **Double- and triple-entering**: Students may compete in as many as three events, subject to these restrictions:

   - Students competing in Congress or Debate may not compete in any other event.
   - Students competing in Group Discussion, Extemporaneous Speaking, Novice Extemporaneous Speaking and Radio Broadcasting may not compete in any other event except for Multiple. That is, a student competing in any of these events may double-enter, so long as the second event is Multiple.
   - Students competing in two speech events not listed in the preceding bullet may compete only in Multiple as their third event. That is, a student can triple-enter only if they are not competing in Congress, Debate, or any of the events listed in the preceding bullet and if one of the three events they enter is Multiple.

2. **Drops**: You may drop entries until 5:00pm Thursday, December 10 without penalty. All drops after that time should be sent to jeba78@verizon.net. Your team will be assessed an $8 nuisance fee per dropped entry.

3. **Judge coverage obligations**: 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, December 9. A $50 penalty will be assessed per missing judge.
   - Judges must bring an internet-capable laptop computer to receive assignments and enter ballots.

4. **Prohibition on early departure:** All students and judges should plan to be in attendance for the duration of the tournament, including final rounds.

5. **Saturday morning check-in**: Each school should text 508-397-5143 between 7:30am and 8:00am to confirm their entry; one text per team. Please identify your school when texting. 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 six 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	Morning confirmation text: ● *Please text, even if you have no changes (508-397-5143).* ● *Include your school name in your text.* ● *For any changes, include the competitor's name & event.*
8:00–8:30 am	Onsite registration
8:15 am	Judge Briefings: ● New speech judges: 8:15 am ● Returning speech judges: 9:00 am. ● All debate judges: 8:15 am
8:45 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 December 12!