

# 2017 West Allegheny Speech & Debate Tournament



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Welcome to the 2017 West Allegheny Speech & Debate Tournament

**Events being offered are:**

Humorous Interp  
Dramatic Interp  
Duo Interp  
Policy  
Lincoln Douglas  
Public Forum  
Parliamentary  
Big Question Debate  
Student Congress

Commentary  
Extemporaneous – Mixed  
Impromptu  
Prose  
Poetry  
Program of Oral Interp  
Declamation (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> only)  
Original Oratory – Informative  
Original Oratory – Persuasive

-Registration is located on [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com)

- The fee: \$5.00 per student. Please make checks out to *West Allegheny Speech & Debate*

-All Debates will be single-fight. If rooms are an issue debate will be moved across the parking lot to the Middle School.

-Registration will be in the Main High School Lobby.

-Tabroom will be located in Room C126.

-Judges Lounge will be located in Room B114.

-Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be in the auditorium.

-Extemp, Commentary & Impromptu Prep will be located in the library.

-Lunch Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00

-At the end of the Round Judges are to report back to the Judges' Lounge and Competitors are to report to the Cafeteria.

- All Rounds will be posted in the cafeteria.
- Speech Competitors will have their sheets for the Judges.
- Debate Judges will have the score sheets for the round.
- Judges are to complete the score sheets in a timely manner and bring them back to the tabroom at the end of the round.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> 3 rounds of speech and the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 rounds of debate will be randomly prescheduled.
- Rounds 1-3 of Parli will be Impromptu. Round 4 (and possible 5) will be the Prepared topic
- Speech will have a Final Round if time permits. If no final they will have a full fourth round
- LD, PF, BQ & Parli will have 5 Rounds, only if time permits
- Speech & Debate Awards will be given to the top 6 competitors. Top 3 Trophies, the remaining certificates or medallions.
- Congress Trophy wards will be to the PO and top 3 Speakers, remaining board will receive medallions
- Sweepstakes will be awards to the Top 2 schools in Speech, Debate and Overall.
- Each team may indicate 15 Speech competitors, 5 Debate and 2 Congress.
- Events may be eliminated or combined based on number of entries.

#### Judging Requirements

Speech	1 judge for every 4 competitors (of partners)
Debate	PF,LD, BQ & Parli 1 judge for every 2 individuals or teams
CX	1 judge for every 2 teams
Congress	All congress judges will come from the speech poll

There will be a charge of \$100 for every uncovered Judge.  
 There will be a \$100 charge to your team for every judge replaced in a round.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All debate judges may be swapped in all types of debates. All speech judges are may be swapped in all speech and congress events.

### Speech & Debate Schedule

7:15 – 8:45 Registration  
8:30 Opening in Auditorium  
8:45 Exempt & Commentary Starts  
8:45 Judges Meeting in Room B114  
9:00 – 10:15 Round 1  
10:15 – 11:30 Round 2  
11:30 – 12:45 Round 3  
12:45 – 1:30 Lunch  
1:30 – 3:00 Finals  
3:30 Closing Ceremony

### Congress Schedule

7:15 – 8:45 Registration  
8:30 Opening in Auditorium  
8:45 Judges Meeting in Room B114  
9:00 – 12:00 Morning Session  
12:00 – 12:45 Lunch  
1:30 – 3:00 Afternoon Session  
3:00 Voting  
3:30 Closing Ceremony  
\*\*\*Breaks determined by Parli\*\*\*

### Parliamentary Debate Topics

Prepared – This House should substantially increase its investment in algae biofuels.

### Extemporaneous Topic Areas:

1. Energy
2. Higher Education
3. Trade
4. Genetic Engineering
5. International Sports

### Big Question Debate Topic

Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will.

-If there are any problems or concerns please feel free to email [mshaffer@westasd.org](mailto:mshaffer@westasd.org) or [mshaffer7777@gmail.com](mailto:mshaffer7777@gmail.com) or call my cell (724)601-3890. If you have drops please call ahead.

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