

Mexico High School
“War of the Words Tournament”

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Dear Speech Coach and Team:

You are cordially invited to attend the MHS Speech & Debate Tournament on **Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2, 2023 IN PERSON**. This tournament is for 9th-12th grade. **All entries and judge information will be made via Speechwire.**

- Each school is allowed **3 entries** in each event. Extras will be allowed **based on space on a first come, first served basis.**
- There will be **NO division between varsity and novice.**
- Events include; Prose, Poetry, Humorous, Dramatic, Story, Duet Acting, Duo, Info, POI, Oratory, Extemp (combined), Radio, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate
- Dramatic, Humorous, Info, POI, Duo, Oratory, Extemp will **follow the current NSDA guidelines.** Prose, Poetry, Story, Duet Acting, Radio and Debate will **follow the current MSHSAA guidelines.**
- **Entry fees are \$12.00 per event.**
- **Payment is due by registration.** Please bring a check or Purchase Order when you register.
- Students may **double enter in IEs AND may also enter one debate event.**
- **Students may NOT triple-enter in IEs.**
- **All entries are due NO LATER than 4:00PM Thursday, November 23 via Speechwire..**
- **The deadline for changes will be Monday, November 27 by 4:00PM.** After this time, no additions may be requested and drops will be charged the original entry fee.
- **If the drop is on the day of the tournament call or text 573-473-7852 with the information BEFORE arriving at the tournament.**
- **Each school is required to bring 1 adult judge per 8 Individual Event Entries and 1 adult judge per 3 debate entries.**
- To ensure the tournament runs on time and smoothly, **any VARSITY student who has acquired more than 750 NSDA points OR has qualified to NSDA Nationals may judge if not competing.**
- **A hospitality room will be provided for coaches, judges and bus drivers.**
- **A concession stand will be available. All proceeds will benefit our local Relay For Life team.** Please let your kids know that they can contribute to this worthy cause.
- **Buses may park in the student parking lot facing Curtis Street on the south side of the building** by the sports complex. Buses may NOT park in the circle drive. **Follow the signs for registration.**
- **The sports complex and Gooch Gym are OFF LIMITS** to students attending the speech tournament. **The elevators are OFF LIMITS to students without permission. Please remind your students of this.**
- **Your students may gather in the cafeteria. Please ask them to NOT hang out or gather in stairwells or hallways.**

For additional information, please contact Laura Loudenslager our Tournament Director by email: sgiven@mexico.k12.mo.us

Sincerely,

Sara M. Given
Speech & Theatre Director

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Assistant Speech & Debate

Schedule

Friday, December 1

4:00-4:30	Debate Registration
4:30-5:30	Round 1 Debate
5:45-6:45	Round 2 Debate
7:00-8:00	Round 3 Debate
8:15-9:15	Round 4 Debate

Saturday, December 2

7:30-8:00 AM	IE Registration
8:00-9:30 AM	Quarter-Final Debate
9:00 AM	Extemp Draw Round 1
9:30-11:00 AM	Round 1 IEs
11:00AM	Extemp Draw Round 2
11:30-1:00PM	Round 2 IEs
1:00-2:00PM	Semi-Final Debate Round
2:00PM	Extemp Draw Finals IEs
2:30-4:00 PM	Finals IEs
4:00-5:00	Finals Debate (sooner if possible)
5:00 PM	Awards Assembly (or as soon as possible)

Awards

- 6 competitors in each event will advance to finals.
- Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
- Certificates will be awarded to 4th, 5th, and 6th place
- Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the Top 2 schools

Sweepstakes

- 2 points for advancing to finals
- 4 points for 3rd
- 6 points for 2nd
- 8 points for 1st

Tab Room

We host an open tab room with trained tabulators. We will ask if we need additional tabulators. Coaches are encouraged to stop by, but asked to keep quiet while the scores are being tabulated. A closed tab room will happen only in the event of a hectic environment.