



Sylvania Schools Speech and Debate Invitational January 15-16, 2016



Sylvania Schools cordially invites you to an all events tournament to be held Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16, 2016. We will provide two days of strong competition, which we know you will find helpful as we rapidly approach district tournaments. We offer an all events tournament with PDQ in Varsity Debate, contingent upon fulfilling registration requirements.

Individual Events: Sylvania Northview High School
5403 Silica Drive
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Maplewood Elementary School
6769 Maplewood Ave.
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

LD/PF Debate: Sylvania Southview High School
7225 Sylvania Avenue
Sylvania, Ohio 43660

Policy Debate/Congress: McCord Junior High School
4304 McCord Road
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Individual Events: Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, International and United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Declamation and Informative Speaking

Debate Events: Varsity Policy, Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas

The topic for Policy Debate – Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.

The topic for Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Resolved: In the United States, private ownership of handguns ought to be banned.

The topic for Public Forum Debate: On balance, economic sanctions are reducing the threat Russia poses to Western interests.

Student Congress: The preliminary sessions of Congress will debate the relevant section of the OHSSL docket. Semi-super and super legislation will be announced close to the tournament date. Stay updated!

Judges: In Policy, one judge is required for every two teams the school registers.
In Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum, one judge is required for every two contestants, with two judges needed for three or four contestants.

In Individual Events and Student Congress, one judge is required for every one to five students competing. A duo team counts as one contestant. So, if you bring six contestants, you should bring two judges, if you bring eleven contestants you should bring three judges, and so on. We schedule all five preliminary rounds ahead of time, so please bring the required judges in all events.

A drop of a judge will result in a \$50.00 per day penalty that will be assessed at the tournament. We allow no student judges.

Hired Judges: We will offer some judges for hire, based on availability. Please email Brandi Shepard (bshepard@sylvaniaschools.org) by January 7 if you must hire a judge (limit is two, based on availability). We encourage you to check with other schools regarding extra judges before hiring judges through the tournament.

Judges cost \$40.00 per day or \$80.00 for both days.

Registration/Fees: All registrations and fees will be collected at Northview High School, payable to Southview Forensics Boosters. Registration fees are as follows:

Individual Events	\$6.00 per contestant
Congress	\$6.00 per contestant
Lincoln Douglas	\$10.00 per contestant
2 person Debate	\$30.00 per team
Public Forum	\$20.00 per team

Dropped Contestants: Teams dropping contestants after Tuesday, January 12 at 3:00 p.m. will be assessed a \$5 penalty per drop.

Registration Caps: Teams may register up to six entries in any event. If we can accommodate additional registrants, we will per a wait list. Teams will receive confirmation of entries on the Tuesday before the tournament.

Rounds: Check the schedule for the number of rounds/sessions in each event.

Awards: We will be offering unique and special awards to all contestants in final rounds and in debate to quarter and semi-finalists. We also award a special prize to the winner(s) in each event and plaques to the top six contestants in each event. The top ten speakers in debate will win speaker awards. Sweepstakes awards will also be presented. As in recent years, both schools will meet for final awards. This year awards will be in the Northview gymnasium.

Meals: Speech & Debate Boosters will be offering food at a minimal price on Friday and Saturday at each school. Students will be encouraged to eat at the schools. We will provide food for judges at all schools at no cost.

Housing: Check the documents on SpeechWire for information on local hotels.

Transportation: Coaches must provide transportation between the Northview, Southview and McCord schools. A shuttle bus will be offered solely between Northview and Maplewood for IE events.

Deadline: All registrations are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8. All teams must register through SpeechWire.

Tournament Schedule (subject to slight changes):

Check SpeechWire for round start times.

Friday

3:00pm-4:00pm	Registration at Northview High School (Debate-only schools may register at Southview)
4:00pm-4:15pm	Opening Assemblies at Northview and Southview
4:15pm-4:30pm	Judges' Meetings at Northview and Southview
4:30pm	Rounds Begin (There will be a dinner break)

Saturday

8:00am-11:00am	Preliminary Rounds
11:30am-4:30pm	Elimination Rounds
6:00pm	Awards Ceremonies at Northview Gymnasium.