



How to Start a SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

*Speech and debate is competitive speaking, acting, and debating.

- ☐ Find an advisor/coach
- ☐ Determine if it will be a class or club (*or both!*)
- ☐ Determine when it fits into your day (*during the day, after school, or both!*)
- ☐ Recruit students (*we encourage you to share information about this activity with parents*)
- ☐ Purchase an annual \$349 NSDA membership
 - Unlocks member benefits such as research guides, lesson plans, practice drills, performance videos, professional development webinars, tiered coaching and mentoring support, as well as tournament and scholarship opportunities.



The National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) is the largest speech and debate organization in the United States, supporting interscholastic tournaments, schools, coaches, and students since 1925. Students compete in over ten different speech, public speaking, and acting events and five debate events across the country. In our increasingly polarized world, speech and debate is more important today than ever. Speech and debate teaches essential life skills that allow young people to effectively communicate complex ideas in order to advocate for themselves, their local communities, and the world.



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