



Does your child's school have a **SPEECH & DEBATE PROGRAM?**

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

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.

“Participating in speech and debate was so much more than just finding my voice. It was finding myself and the person I want to be.”

— MICHAEL BOLE, ALUM
Dreyfoos School of the Arts, Florida

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 10 different public speaking and acting events and five debate events across the country.

enhance your child's **Learning Experiences**

- ✓ **Build their confidence**
- ✓ **Connect with other students who share their interests**
- ✓ **Challenge themselves and celebrate their progress**
- ✓ **Gain recognition and national rankings**
- ✓ **Join a nationally recognized Honor Society**
- ✓ **Demonstrate rigor beyond the classroom**
- ✓ **Show critical thinking, communication, and leadership**

BENEFITS of Speech and Debate:



Career and Technical Education

-  Creativity
-  Persuasion
-  Collaboration
-  Adaptability
-  Emotional Intelligence



Social Emotional Skills

-  Advocacy
-  Civility
-  Confidence
-  Empathy
-  Relationship Skills



Academic Impacts

-  Higher GPAs
-  Higher Math SAT Scores
-  Higher Reading SAT Scores
-  Higher Writing SAT Scores
-  Top College Enrollment

*Ready to take the next step?

- Talk to other parents to get their students excited about speech and debate.
- Ask an administrator or teacher at your child's school to start a speech and debate program!
- Have your child's school purchase an annual \$349 NSDA membership to unlock 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.



Bring **Speech & Debate** to your child's school: www.speechanddebate.org

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