

“Speech and debate has single-handedly been the most influential extracurricular in my life.”

— MYA HARRIS, ALUM
Pattonville High School, MO



SPEECH & DEBATE

Your Voice. Your Stage. Your Team.

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

Speech and debate teaches students to confidently communicate what matters to them. National Speech & Debate Association membership offers you the tools, training, and recognition to make it happen.

* *Build* **confidence through every round**

* *Connect* **with students who share your interests**

* *Develop* **skills in critical thinking, communication, and leadership**

* *Challenge* **yourself and celebrate your progress**

* *Gain* **recognition in state and national rankings**

Typical Speech Events:

- Original Oratory
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Informative Speaking
- Poetry Interp
- Duo Interp
- Program Oral Interp
- Dramatic Interp
- Humorous Interp

Popular Debate Types:

- Policy
- Public Forum
- Lincoln-Douglas
- World Schools



Gain Confidence Get an advantage for life, for college, for career!

How to start a club or advocate for a class:

- ☐ Talk to your activities/athletic director or school administrator
- ☐ Find out what speech and debate leagues exist near you by contacting the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA):
 - Email: info@speechanddebate.org
 - Phone: (920) 748-6206
 - Visit: www.speechanddebate.org/partnerships/#state-orgs
- ☐ Find a coach/advisor
- ☐ Have your school 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.



Bring **SPEECH & DEBATE**
to your school:

[www.speechanddebate.org/
student-team-starter-guide](http://www.speechanddebate.org/student-team-starter-guide)

Questions? Contact the Director of School Recruitment:
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Where will speech & debate take you?

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