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Top 100 Schools in Speech and Debate Honor Society
2025-2026 National Award Winning Schools

West Des Moines, IA (November 2026) — The National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) is proud to recognize the Top 100 schools for the 2025-2026 school year!

Each year, the NSDA recognizes the **Top 100 Schools** from more than 4,000 member schools nationwide. These schools have the largest number of students and coaches earning new degrees in the NSDA Honor Society, recognizing their students' participation and accomplishments throughout the school year.

Students and coaches earn points and degrees in the NSDA Honor Society through competitive speech and debate participation, community service, leadership roles, volunteering, and other activities. The Honor Society provides students with an opportunity to showcase their talents, skills, dedication, and contributions to their schools and communities.

"Speech and debate is a critical activity that underpins all educational goals," said J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director of the National Speech & Debate Association. "We believe every school should have a speech and debate program, and we are proud to recognize these schools for their dedication to this life-changing activity."

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 award winning schools!

(Schools are listed in rank order from 1 to 100 by strength. A school's total strength combines the top three active, paid coach degrees plus all the active, paid student degrees.)

Rank	School	State	Strength
1	The Bronx High School Of Science	NY	1,294
2	Millard North High School	NE	973
3	Regis High School	NY	961
4	George Washington High School	CO	861
5	Bellarmine College Prep	CA	823
6	Eagan High School	MN	802
7	Flower Mound High School	TX	789
8	Lexington High School	MA	782
9	Gabrielino High School	CA	759
10	Leland High School	CA	740
11	Shawnee Mission East High School	KS	730
12	Archbishop Mitty High School	CA	716
12	Westwood High School	TX	716
14	North Allegheny High School	PA	695
15	Ransom Everglades School	FL	670
16	Aberdeen Central High School	SD	657
17	Cherry Creek High School	CO	654
18	Palo Alto High School	CA	646
18	American Heritage School - Broward	FL	646
20	Denver East High School	CO	641
21	Eastview High School	MN	630
21	Ridge High School	NJ	630
23	Newton South High School	MA	627

24	James Logan High School	CA	624
25	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory	TX	597
26	Washburn Rural High School	KS	579
27	Seven Lakes High School	TX	571
28	Lincoln East High School	NE	562
29	Blue Springs South High School	MO	558
30	Jenks High School	OK	556
31	Dublin Jerome High School	OH	549
32	Coppell High School	TX	548
33	Edina High School	MN	545
34	Marist School	GA	536
35	Pembroke Hill School	MO	532
36	Bozeman High School	MT	527
37	Blue Springs High School	MO	517
38	American Heritage Schools, Palm Beach Campus	FL	515
39	Lawrence Free State High School	KS	513
40	Arizona College Prep High School	AZ	511
41	Riverside High School	SC	506
42	Jefferson City High School	MO	504
43	Liberty North High School	MO	498
44	Lee's Summit North	MO	497
45	BASIS Peoria	AZ	492
46	CR North High School	PA	489
47	Cary Academy	NC	485
48	Greenhill School	TX	482
49	East Ridge High School	MN	479

49	Plano East Senior High School	TX	479
51	Shrewsbury High School	MA	469
52	Interlake High School	WA	467
53	Upper St. Clair High School	PA	448
54	Lakeville North High School	MN	446
55	Blue Valley High School	KS	442
55	Rock Bridge High School	MO	442
57	Cheyenne East High School	WY	438
58	The Harker School	CA	435
59	Munster High School	IN	432
60	Apple Valley High School	MN	426
61	Lake Highland Preparatory School	FL	425
61	Highland High School	ID	425
63	Ardrey Kell High School	NC	424
63	Lee's Summit West High School	MO	424
65	Hawken School	OH	422
66	Loyola High School	CA	421
67	Los Altos High School	CA	419
68	Solon High School	OH	417
69	Monta Vista High School	CA	416
70	Hinsdale Central High School	IL	414
71	Bolivar High School	MO	413
72	Downers Grove South High School	IL	411
72	Willard High School	MO	411
74	Claremont High School	CA	409
75	Blackfoot High School	ID	402
76	The Quarry Lane School	CA	401

77	Durham Academy	NC	398
77	Syosset High School	NY	398
79	Jordan High School	TX	396
80	Blue Valley Northwest High School	KS	393
81	Glacier High School	MT	392
82	Flintridge Preparatory School	CA	391
83	Perry High School	OH	390
84	Penn High School	IN	389
85	Central High School	MO	388
86	Stephen F. Austin High School	TX	386
87	Carmel High School	IN	383
88	Mountain View High School	CA	382
89	Wayzata High School	MN	377
90	College Prep	CA	373
91	Monte Vista High School	CA	371
92	Bellevue High School	WA	368
92	Pittsburg High School	KS	368
94	Sunset High School	OR	365
95	The Village High School	TX	364
96	Bentonville High School	AR	360
97	Alhambra High School	CA	357
98	Liberty High School	MO	356
99	Nova High School	FL	355
99	The Potomac School	VA	355

Learn more about the ways we recognize students, coaches, and schools in the NSDA Honor Society.

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About the National Speech & Debate Association

The National Speech & Debate Association is the authority on public speaking and debate in the United States. The Association builds the infrastructure for speech and debate competitions around the world by providing topics, educational resources, and training for students and coaches. For more than 100 years, the National Speech & Debate Association has built a platform for youth voices that culminates in the National Tournament, the largest academic competition in the world. For more information, visit www.speechanddebate.org.