

What will we do?

Throughout the 9 weeks in Speech class, students will have the opportunity to practice many different skills that will help to make them effective speakers AND listeners. We will do many activities in class to help them become better public speakers; we'll also read, listen to, and watch famous speeches. Most importantly, students will have the chance to create and deliver some speeches of their own.

Here are some of the things we will work on:

- Writing a strong, fun, and engaging speech
- Analyzing audience members
- Using hand gestures, eye contact, and movement during speeches
- Speaking with a strong, clear, and easy-to-understand voice
- Being an effective and polite listener
- Delivering quick, impromptu speeches with little preparation
- Becoming more comfortable speaking in front of a group of people

“Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Questions? Feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns.

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7/8 Speech



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Why take Speech?

Can you guess what Americans' number one fear is? It's not heights, spiders, or the dark. When asked, the average American's biggest fear is public speaking.

However, the average American (middle school students included!) will encounter many situations in which it is necessary to speak clearly and fluently in front of small and large audiences.

Speech class gives 7th and 8th grade students the unique opportunity to practice and perfect their public speaking skills in a fun, engaging, and safe environment.

They can take the skills that they learn and use in this class and apply them to speaking situations both in and out of the classroom throughout their lives.



What is expected of Speech students?

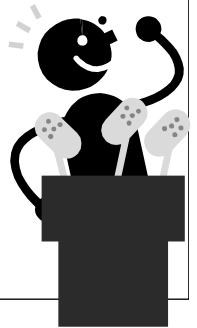
For many people, public speaking is not an easy thing to do. As a Speech teacher, I want to create a classroom environment where everyone can feel safe getting up in front of the class and delivering a speech or participating in a group activity. Therefore, there are some important things that students need to remember as a member of this class. It is essential to follow these expectations on a daily basis:

- Come prepared to present speeches on the day they are assigned
- Be polite and LISTEN to the speaker with undivided attention
- Participate in ALL activities during class time
- Build speakers up with praise constructive criticism, don't tear them down with negativity
- Always give your best effort on speech days
- Talk to Ms. Schrader if you have ANY questions about the speeches or class activities

How is Speech graded?

The final grade for this class will be made up of many different components. Since we will practice so many skills with activities during class time, class participation is a big part of the grade. Although the grading scale may change slightly throughout the 9 weeks, the final grade will be based upon how well students perform in the following areas:

- Class Participation
- In-class Assignments
- Introduction Speech
- 1-2 solo and/or groups speeches throughout the 9 weeks (these may change every marking period)
- Final Speech



“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

-Winston Churchill