

## What can we do for you?

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- A National Speech and Debate Honor Society graduation stole if you compete throughout the years and earn the NSDA required points.
- A Performing Arts credit.
- An opportunity to build writing and speaking skills, research skills, and confidence.
- Give you an edge on your college application. College's rank debate very highly in admissions considerations.

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- Commitment- As with any team or association, McArthur Speech and Debate Team needs all hands on deck. Commitment is pledged to the team, through the Honor Code and the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA).
- Diligence to Deadlines: There are strict deadlines for everything from competitions to assignments. Organizing deadlines will give you the opportunity to plan accordingly and the team to function easily.
- Honesty- Much of the program is independent work. Most of the rules and regulations come from the Honor Code that every debate student signs and as an association we FULLY uphold that policy at all times.

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# McArthur High School Honors Debate Program



**Team \* Class \* Club**

## Prerequisites:

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- ✓ Minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA.
- ✓ Passed the reading section of the FCAT/FSA.
- ✓ An English speaking adult who can serve as a judge.
- ✓ Financial support (Dues and entry fees for competitions).
- ✓ Professional Attire
- ✓ Tournament Competition: After school and weekend participation.

## Benefits:

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- ✓ National Speech & Debate Honor Society
- ✓ Lifetime Membership to NSDA
- ✓ Scholarship Opportunities
- ✓ National Ranking

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## Speech Events

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- **Original Oratory (OO):** A self-written moral problem/solution speech limited to 10 minutes in delivery; memorized. May quote up to 150 words (procrastination, stereotypes, etc.)
- **Oral Interpretation (OI)** also known as Prose/Poetry: A program cut together (printed, published, and publically accessible) one section prose and the other section poetry (7-10 minutes per section). The program is centered on a theme.
- **Humorous Interpretation (HI):** Using a script or any printed, published and publically accessible material the student must interpret the piece in a humorous way that isn't implied in the original script. 7-10 minutes long, memorized. No props may be used!
- **Dramatic Interpretation (DI):** (See above) Interpreted in an emotional or dramatic way. 7-10 minutes long, memorized. No props may be used!
- **Duo Interpretation:** (See DI/HI) must be done with a partner. No props or contact!
- **Extemporaneous Speaking (MX):** 30 minutes to prep a new topic given each round; either domestic (USX) or international (IX) then speak for up to 7 minutes. Research required.
- **Informative Speaking (INFO):** 10 minute memorized presentation written and performed by the student. Delivery must be articulate, engaging, and smooth in a vocal and physical level. The purpose of the event is to educate the audience on a topic of

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## No Matter What Event...

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- **You MUST maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher to stay in this class.**
  - Nothing less will be accepted! If grades are not maintained, it's grounds for possible probation or removal from class.
- **You MUST compete in tournaments!**
  - Must participate in **minimum** of 2 competitions per quarter.
  - Must bring 1 volunteer judge **per** quarter.
  - This is a superintendent's initiative and competition is mandatory.
- **Practice sessions will occur before/after school or at lunch.**
  - Must attend at least one practice session per week.
  - Like any sport, if you don't practice, you don't play.
- **Fundraising and dues are required.**
  - Fundraising is a way to pay for tournament entry fees and program necessities.

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## Debate Events

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- **Public Forum (PF):** 2 on 2 partner debate. Monthly current event topics. Teams prepare research and arguments (prewritten and in rounds) for pro and con. Time requirements of 2 and 4min.
- **Lincoln Douglas (LD):** 1 on 1 moral and ethical debate. Monthly current event topics. Prepare research and arguments (prewritten and in rounds) for pro and con. Specific time rules.
- **Congressional Debate (CD):** A mock legislative assembly. 3 minute arguments on multiple current federal legislation. 1 minute questioning.

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## Other Debate and Speech Events

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- **Declamation (DEC):** 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade students recite a pre-cut speech (printed, published, and publically accessible) from memory in an engaging manner. Speeches are up to 7-10 min. and may be shortened due to time constraints.
- **Impromptu (IMP):** A practice starter event. 7 minutes to write and deliver.
- **Big Questions Debate (BQ):** A 1 on 1 debate 3-5min. arguments with complex worldview questions.