

Speech Class

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Welcome to Speech Class! It is said that people's greatest fear is public speaking, and I am guessing that many of you feel the same way. I won't promise you that this fear will go away, but I can guarantee this class will help you with public speaking.

Purpose:

The purpose of speech is to help students feel more comfortable speaking when front of an audience by learning how to plan, prepare, and present a variety of speeches.

Grading:

Students will be assessed in a variety of ways using the district grade scale. Some of the ways you will be assessed include tests, quizzes, daily participation, assignments, and speeches (obviously).

Speeches: (subject to change)

- Impromptu
- Item of Importance
- Demonstration
- Current Events
- Movie review
- Sales speech
- Persuasive speech
- Debate Group
- Impromptu #2

Guidelines:

Submit your assignments on time...period. There will be a 10% grade reduction for every day an assignment or speech is late. Don't procrastinate!

Note:

For your first formal speech, you will need an item of personal importance. Be thinking about the item you would like to use for your informative speech.

Advice from previous speech students:

- Don't doodle-daddle around. Get your work done.
- This class is not as bad as you think it will be.
- Prepare and practice your speeches at home the night before you give your speech. And don't read right from your notecards.
- Pick a topic you really like—something you feel passionately about. That makes it much more enjoyable.
- Always listen to Mrs. B. when she is supplying key information because she grades hard.

Some things to take note of:

Since this is 'speech class', it is important to be *in* class so that you have the experience of speaking in public situations. There will be various in-class observations and activities that will count towards your daily participation grade.

Public speaking can be a stressful experience for many people; for this reason, show some respect so that the speaking environment is comfortable for everybody. Not showing respect will affect one's course grade.

Organization and preparation are key factors in how well you will do in this class. You should come to class prepared with all needed materials and assignments. Speeches should be rehearsed and polished prior to speaking date.

Because not everyone is a born public speaker, keep in mind that effort plays a part in your grade. If you show an honest effort to do the best job you can, you will pass. Even though speeches will play the major role in assessment, there are plenty of point opportunities to help your score. (Tests, quizzes, participation, and daily assignments)

Please do not log in to the computers unless you know that you are having a full work day.

Speaking order: Students will know the order of speaking for most speeches. Speakers must be prepared to go in the assigned order. If you know you will be gone from class during one of the speaking days, you must let me know ahead of time so we can fit your speech in before you will be gone. Failure to do this will result in a late deduction for each day you are gone.