

# SPEECH PROGRAM

Speech will be offered to the students of Dunlap Valley Middle School as an extracurricular activity. Each event will have practice once a week. Practices will be before or after school. Practice schedules will be uploaded to **CANVAS** on **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**. Practices will start **Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be required to attend all practices. **If you are unable to attend practice, you must contact your coach.**

The main objectives of this program are:

1. To help students develop their speaking voices and skills in oral interpretation.
2. To help students enter fully into the world of literature and to communicate or share this world with an audience.
3. To develop the student's poise, self-confidence, and self-worth by speaking before an audience.

The culmination of this activity is participation in the State contest. **All participants are required to attend.**

**TEAM IMPROV** – The Team Improv team will be chosen based on tryouts, which will take place on **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30** in Mrs. LeMasters's classroom. There will be 4-6 students on each team. It is an IESA requirement that any student in Team Improv must also perform a **SCRIPTED** event. Please make sure to sign up for a solo, duet, or small group if you plan to try out for Team Improv.

**Team Improv will meet Mondays from 3:30-4:00 pm to practice. Please make sure you are available at that time if you plan to try out for the team.**

You and a parent or guardian must sign the attached form and return it to Mrs. LeMasters (room 6105) by **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. **Attached is a list of dates, times, and deadlines. Please be aware of them and mark them on your calendars.**

## Categories and Events

Qualified students are eligible to participate in up to two events. Students may participate in multiple performances in the same scripted event within the maximum. Improvisational events will only be allowed one entry in the same event per performer. *To be eligible to participate in Team Improv, students must also perform a scripted event.* Events we are offering at DVMS this year include:

### Individual Events:

**Solo Acting** - A theatrical presentation by an individual student. This may be a monologue or a selection in which two or more characters are portrayed.

**Impromptu Speaking** - An event in which a student is given eight minutes to prepare and deliver an original script. The student will be given two words or phrases from the judge and will choose one. The person will then have a specified amount of time to compose and present the speech.

### Duet Events:

**Duet Acting** - One or two humorous or serious selections. Presentation must have direct dialogue or conversation between two contestants portraying any number of characters, who may speak to off-stage characters or to silent characters.

**Improv Duet Acting** - The duet will be given two humorous prompts and one serious prompt. The students must use the prompts to start their scene. Presentation and scenes must adhere to the time guidelines.

### Small Group Events:

**Small Group Acting** - A serious or humorous presentation by three to five performers characterizing three or more persons presenting one selection within a time limitation.

**Team Improv** - The team comprising 4 to 6 students will be given three different improvisation games to be played in 2-minute time intervals. The students must adhere to the spirit of the games assigned. Presentations and scenes must adhere to the time guidelines. Games and participants will be selected by the judge.

**\*There will be tryouts for Team Improv on Tuesday, August 25 from 4:30-5:30.**

**\*\*Any student who is on a Team Improv team must also participate in a scripted event. Scripted events are Solo Acting, Duet Acting, and Small Group Acting.**

# **Calendar of Mandatory Events and Deadlines**

## **Thursday, August 20th**

Speech forms due to Mrs. LeMasters in room 6105

## **Tuesday, August 25**

- Meet in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade pod from 3:30-4:30 pm to review speech rules and choose scripts. Please let Mrs. Andrews know if you cannot attend this meeting by emailing her at [nandrews@dunlapcusd.net](mailto:nandrews@dunlapcusd.net).
- Team Improv tryouts 4:30-5:30. Please meet in room 6105 after script pickup if you want to try out.
- Virtual Parent Meeting @ 6:30 - Parents, please use this link for a quick overview of the speech season!
  - <https://meet.google.com/qeh-onau-kxj>

## **Wednesday, August 26 @ 7 pm**

Students need to log into Canvas to access their speech schedules. Practices begin **Friday, August 28**.

## **Friday, September 25**

All scripts are to be memorized

## **Tuesday, October 13 from 6 - 8 pm**

PARENT NIGHT – This is a MANDATORY event. Students will get the chance to perform for their families and get feedback from DHS speech students to help polish their performances before the state invitational.

## **Friday, November 6**

STATE INVITATIONAL – This is a MANDATORY event and is the final event of the season

**-AFTER SCHOOL practices will not be held on the following dates: October 7 & November 4**

**-NO PRACTICES will take place on September 7 & 25, October 12, 21-23**

## **Communication Methods**

**Students:** Coaches will communicate with students using Canvas. All students will be invited to the Canvas course the week of August 24th after all forms have been received.

**Parents:** We will use Remind to communicate important information to parents, such as practice cancellations and contest updates in Canvas. If you would like to receive these notifications, please create an account using this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/dvspeech26>

## **Reminder**

**Students are to leave the building as soon as their practice concludes. Please arrange to have your child picked up promptly at the conclusion of their speech practice.**

# **DUNLAP VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **SPEECH RULES**

1. You are to meet in your coach's classroom.
2. You must MEMORIZE your script.
3. **You must attend practice every week. If you are unable to attend, you must contact your coach.**
4. You should review your script daily for at least 20 minutes.
5. You are **not** to wander the halls (including going to your locker) before or after school or leave the school grounds.
6. Please have your ride waiting for you **after** your practice session. Please leave the building using the front doors near the office.
7. **You must attend all contests.**
8. Bring your script and a pencil to all practices.
9. You must be eligible to participate in the State contest. **NO FAILING ANY CLASSES (including Band, Chorus, Orchestra, PE, and Exploratory).**
10. Students who practice in the morning should report to their coach's classroom upon arrival to school. After practice, they should report to the gym to wait to be dismissed for the start of school.

### **Email Contacts:**

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# SPEECH FORM

**FILL OUT ENTIRE FORM! Incomplete forms will be the last to be scheduled for practices and may result in you losing your desired practice time/day.**

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one: Year in school** 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

**Circle one: Year in speech** first second third

**SLC TEACHER** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the event(s) you would like to participate in below. **You are responsible** for finding partners for duet and small group events. Please write down your partner/s names below. You do NOT need to find partners for team improv.

SOLO

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

DUET

IMPROV DUET ACTING

SMALL GROUP (3-5)

TEAM IMPROV (must also do one of the scripted events listed)

**If you circled duet or small group please list your partner's or group members' name(s) clearly here:**

**PRACTICES WILL BE ASSIGNED ONCE ALL SHEETS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. PLEASE NOTE THAT TEAM IMPROV PRACTICES WILL BE MONDAYS FROM 3:30-4:00 PM.**

☐ I prefer a morning practice. Morning practices are limited and given to fall DVMS sports students first.

If in a **DVMS** sport, please list that sport here \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I prefer an after-school practice.

If there is a day of the week you are unavailable to practice, please list that here \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and will comply with all dates, times, and deadlines listed in the speech packet:**

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be returned by THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th to Mrs. LeMasters (room 6105).**