



NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The [Gavelin' Eagles](#) cordially invite you to:

The Second Annual **Atsá Invitational** Speech & Debate Tournament and Diné Cultural Night

Friday, October 25 (Cultural Night), and **Saturday, October 26** (S&D Tournament)

Navajo Preparatory School, 1220 W. Apache St., Farmington, NM 87401

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Registration: atsa.tabroom.com

Tournament Helpline: nmsdahelp@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: Fri., Oct. 18, 11 AM **Drop Deadline:** Wed., Oct. 23, at 11 AM

Judging Obligation: Each school is expected to provide 1 judge for every 4 Speech entries and 1 judge for every 5 Congress entries. Optional judge trainings will be held via Zoom on the evening of Tue., Oct. 22.

Entry Fees: \$10 per event registration per student (please make checks payable to Navajo Preparatory School with Speech & Debate in the memo)

Fines: Fines may be assessed for late registration drops and failure to fulfill judging obligations.

Events

N.B. Although novices will compete alongside varsity competitors in each event, novices will be recognized separately.

- Congress (House & Senate)
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Humorous Interpretation
- Program Oral Interpretation
- Duo Interpretation
- Informative Speaking
- Original Oratory
- Int'l Extemporaneous Speaking
- US Extemporaneous Speaking
- Extemporaneous Debate
- Impromptu
- Poetry
- Original Spoken Word Poetry
- Storytelling

Schedule

Friday 6:30 - 9 PM – Diné Cultural Night (Dinner and Celebration)*

Saturday 8:30 AM – Speech Round 1 (Extemp draw @ 8:00)

9 AM – Congress Round 1 begins

10 AM – Speech Round 2 (Extemp draw @ 9:30)

12 PM – Congress Round 1 ends

1 PM – Speech Round 3 (Extemp draw @ 12:30)

1 PM – Congress Round 2 begins

3 PM – Speech Round 4 (Extemp draw @ 2:30)

4 PM – Congress Round 2 ends

5 PM or ASAP – Awards

***Please RSVP via email with your anticipated numbers for the cultural night no later than Monday, October 21.**

Topic Areas

Congress: Click [here](#) to view the legislation for this tournament.

Extemporaneous Speaking:

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| ● US Round 1: The Border | ● Int'l Round 1: Int'l Trade |
| ● US Round 2: The Economy | ● Int'l Round 2: Autocracy |
| ● US Round 3: Reproductive Rights | ● Int'l Round 3: The Middle East |
| ● US Round 4: Foreign Policy | ● Int'l Round 4: Int'l Indigeneity |

Impromptu:

- Round 1: Election One-Liners
- Round 2: Scary Movies
- Round 3: Indigenous Wisdom
- Round 4: Gen Z Slang

Extemporaneous Debate:

No advance topic notice shall be provided.

Storytelling:

No theme.

Other Info

Diné Cultural Night (7-9 PM, Friday, October 25): The first hour of this event will consist of a variety of cultural activities (including games, crafts, language learning, and cooking) at stations around campus. Guests may select from these options, some of which may require sign-ups (stay tuned!). As we approach the evening's halfway point, we will transition into a communal Diné meal. The evening will conclude with a cultural presentation from Kevin Belin, Director of Navajo Prep's Diné Bizaad Institute, as well as some song and dance! Students, coaches, judges, chaperones, and bus drivers are all welcome, and **dinner will be provided at no cost to our guests!** Please RSVP by email (to john.russell@navajoprep.com) no later than Monday, October 21, with your anticipated numbers and any dietary restrictions.

Double Entry: A student may double enter in any non-Congress event, as long as both are not Extemp events (USX, IX, and XDB). No double entry is permitted if a student is competing in Congress.

Senate Cap: Each school may send no more than two students to compete in Senate. These students should be among the most experienced debaters on the team. There is no limit to entry in House.

Determining Winners: In all events, each competitor will compete in each round/session, and winners will be determined based on the lowest cumulative rank from all rounds/sessions. The top three overall competitors will be recognized in each event, as will the top novice competitor in each event.

Novice/Varsity Distinction: Please review the novice designations the NMSDA is piloting for this season (included in full at the bottom of this invitation). Bear in mind that novice status in Speech events should be indicated via the checkbox in a student's Tabroom profile whereas novice status for Congressional Debate and Extemporaneous Debate should be communicated to the tournament director via email (john.russell@navajoprep.com).

Contest Protests: "The Supervisory Committee or their designees shall hold a meeting upon protest Protests deemed frivolous may be subject to a penalty. Protests must be presented in a timely manner (within thirty minutes of ballots being viewable) and be in writing [email the tournament helpline (nmsdahelp@gmail.com)], and include:

- Name of coach filing protest, including school name
- Code of person/team involved in protest
- Round being protested
- Room number, and speaker position of persons being protested
- Specific infraction being protested with supporting detail
- Signature of protesting coach"

Excerpted from [the NMSDA Unified Manual](#). View that document for further details.

Belonging & Inclusion Support: The Navajo Prep Speech & Debate Team and the Atsá Invitational share the NMSDA's support for and advocacy of belonging and inclusion for all who attend this event. If a student, coach, judge, or anyone else involved with the tournament feels they have been excluded or made to feel that they do not belong in any way, they are strongly encouraged to report this promptly via the tournament helpline (nmsdahelp@gmail.com).

Gender Neutral Bathrooms: Two gender neutral bathrooms can be found in the Betty Ojaye Student Center across from the school's main administrative offices. They will be clearly marked on maps that will be handed out at check-in. For now, a general map is included at the bottom of this document.

Parking: Plentiful parking is available in the large dirt lot located at the southeast corner of campus next to the Wauneka Building, just to the right as you pass through the security gate (see the map below).

For all other relevant matters, this tournament will follow the rules/guidelines/norms established in [the NMSDA Unified Manual](#).



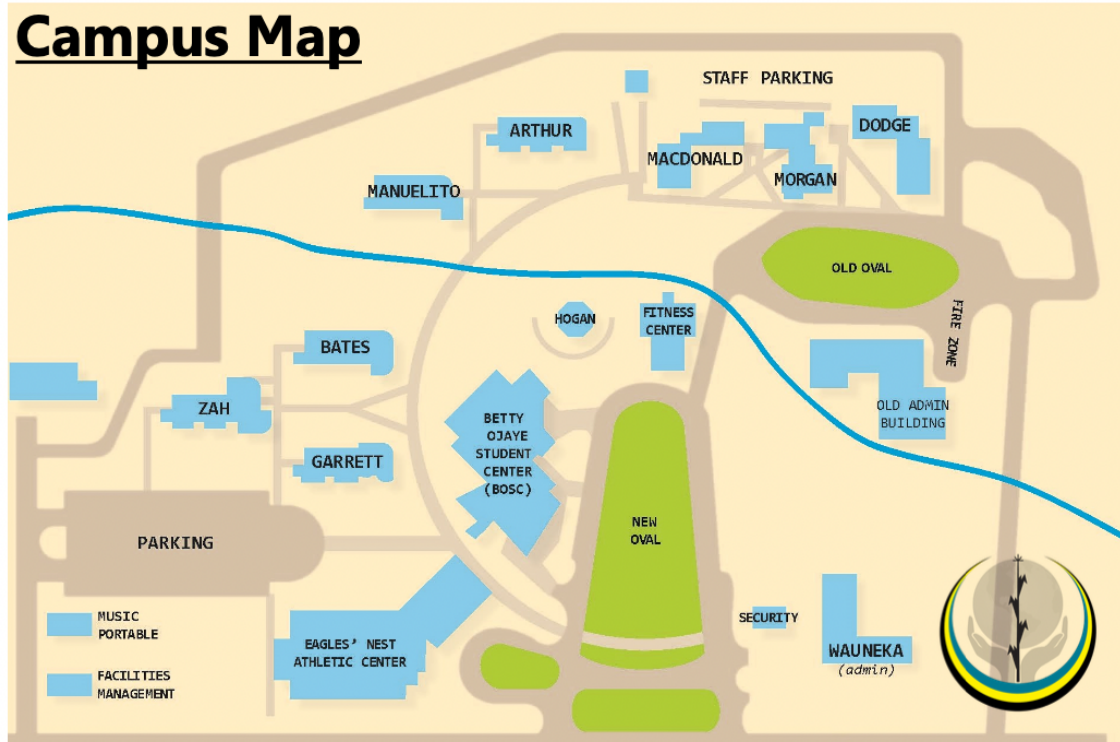
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Addendum: 2024-2025 NMSDA Novice Guidelines (being piloted this season)

- 1.E.iii. Novice divisions will be offered in CX, LD, and PF (subject to divisions collapsing pending entry numbers, see “Running the State Debate Tournament”). The top performing novice in Congress and in each speech event will be recognized, but there is not a separate novice division (see “Running the State Congress Tournament” and “Running the State Speech Tournament”). If practicable, the top novice competitor in any collapsed debate divisions should also be recognized. N.B. The top novice competitor shall only be recognized if there is more than one novice competing in the event.
- 2.C.iii. Eligibility for Novice divisions
- 2.C.iii.a. No student in their third year of competition shall be classifiable as a novice in any form of speech or debate.
- 2.C.iii.b. No student who has broken to an elimination round at a State or District Championship shall be classifiable as a novice in any form of speech or debate. For any events that do not run elimination rounds at either of these events, any ranking in the top three shall have the same effect.
- 2.C.iii.c. No student who has attended and competed at the National Speech and Debate Tournament at either the high school or middle school level shall be classifiable as a novice in any form of speech or debate, with the exception of students who competed in supplemental events only. .
- 2.C.iii.d. In debate events (Congress included), a novice is defined as any student in their first year of competition OR a student who has competed in fewer than 8 rounds, cumulatively, in the previous season in any style of Debate (Big Questions, Congress, Extemp Debate, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, Public Forum, World Schools) and who is not declassified for any of the reasons stated in 2.C.iii.a-c.
- 2.C.iii.e. In speech events, a novice is defined as any student in their first year of competition OR a student who has competed in fewer than 8 rounds, cumulatively, in the previous season in any style of Speech, including supplemental events, and who is not declassified for any of the reasons stated in 2.C.iii.a-c.
- 2.C.iii.f. It shall be the responsibility of each student’s coach to communicate the novice designations of their competitors to tournament directors properly and punctually. For speech events, novice designation shall be communicated via the checkbox in Tabroom. For any debate event running a separate novice division, novice designation shall be communicated simply through registration in the novice division (N.B. a novice student may compete in varsity if desired but cedes any claim to special recognition in doing so). For any debate event not running a separate novice division, whether by design or due to low registration numbers, novice designation shall be communicated via a clear email to the tournament director to be sent by the end of the tournament’s registration deadline (or, if a division collapse occurs after the registration deadline, within 24 hours of notification of the collapse) when requested by the tournament director. Should a coach neglect to communicate novice designations properly and punctually, the tournament director shall be under no obligation to rectify any issues with novice recognition or classification.

Campus Map



Wauneka Building

A111	Business Manager
A112	Business Office
A113	Head of School
A114	Board Room
A116	Director of Human Resources

Betty Ojaye Student Center (BOSC)

1st Floor

F162	Front Office
F163	Registrar
F165	Front Office Conference Room Office Space
F126	Science Classroom
F133	Science Classroom
F157	Library/Computer Lab
F142	McKenzie Health Center (SBHC)
F138	Dean of Instruction
F105	Parent Center
F106/F117	Dining/Student Lounge

2nd Floor

F203	Academic Counselor
F204	BOSC Conference Room
F213	Navajo Language Classroom
F216	Computer Mezzanine
F209	Science Classroom

MacDonald Hall

Lower Level

M121	Student Recreation Center
M120	Dean of Student Life
M120	Asst. Dean of Student Life

1st Floor

M221	Social Studies Classroom
M220	Information Technology
M254	Social Studies Classroom
M255	Social Studies Classroom

2nd Floor

M320	SPED Coordinator
M321	Social Studies Classroom

Morgan Hall

1st Floor

G120	Student Success Center
G153	Morgan Kitchen
G159	Morgan Conference Room

2nd Floor

G220	Art/Design Classroom
G222	Math Classroom
G252	Math Classroom
G253	Math Classroom

Eagles' Nest Athletic Center

Eagle's Nest/New Gym
Old Gym

Dodge Hall

Lower Level

D120	Fitness Classroom
D122	Spanish Classroom
D154	Computer Science Classroom

1st Floor

D202	Athletic Secretary
D222	Admissions/ Public Relations
D225	Spanish Classroom
D254	Navajo Language
D255	English Classroom

2nd Floor

D321	English Classroom
D323	English Classroom

Dormitories

(Females)	Garrett Hall
(Females)	Zah Hall
(Females)	Bates Hall
(Males)	Manuelito Hall
(Males)	Arthur Hall

Portable Buildings

1491	Music Classroom
1492	Facilities Management

Fitness Center

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