

# Public Speaking

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## Course Description:

This is an introductory course designed to acquaint you with the basic principles of public speaking concentrating on content, organization, audience motivation, language, and delivery.

## Course Objectives:

To help you understand the process of public speaking, prepare speeches appropriate to your audiences, and develop delivery skills in actual speaking situations. Although one public speaking course will not transform you into a world-class speaker, you should feel more comfortable with presenting information in front of a group of people. Public speaking is a skill that you will develop over a lifetime. So, open your mind, clear your throat, and get ready to overcome your fears and become a better orator.

## Course Policies and Expectations:

**1. BE HERE.** The District Attendance policy will be in effect in this class.

**2. Come to class on time and prepared to learn.**

**3. Participate.** Have fun in this class. In order to do so, attendance and participation are equally important. The success of the class depends on you. Class participation is mandatory in this class and counts for 20% of the quarterly average.

**4. Respect yourself, your classmates, and the teacher.**

**5. Be positive.**

**6. DO YOUR WORK, AND TURN IT IN ON TIME! Speech Presentations** Be prepared to deliver your speech on the assigned day. If you are not prepared to deliver your speech on the assigned presentation date then be prepared to earn a **30% point loss** for that speech.

## Grading

Major Assignments	Speeches	(50%)
Minor Assignments	Outlines, Articles, Note Cards	(30%)
Participation	Constructive Feedback, Morning Announcements	(20%)

## Supplies

- a folder with loose-leaf paper or a three – ring binder
- 1 package of 4x6 or larger index cards

## Speech Assignments:

The following is a tentative outline of the course. It will be adjusted according to time availability and the needs of the class:

1. Improvisation
2. Around the World/Birthday
3. Interview Classmates/Present Introductions
4. Informative/Worst Case Scenario
5. Pet Peeve
6. Demonstration/Interactive
7. Home Remedy
8. Music Lyric speech
9. Debate
10. Ceremonial Speech/Award
11. Artifact Speech-Final Exam