



# NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Gavelin' Eagles cordially invite you to:

## The First Annual 🦅 **Atsá Invitational** 🦅 Speech & Debate Tournament and Diné Cultural Night

**Friday, October 27** (Cultural Night), and **Saturday, October 28** (S&D Tournament)  
**Navajo Preparatory School**, 1220 W. Apache St., Farmington, NM 87401  
Coach/Tournament Director: **John Russell** — 831.204.8767 — [john.russell@navajoprep.com](mailto:john.russell@navajoprep.com)  
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**Registration:** [atsa.tabroom.com](http://atsa.tabroom.com)

**Tournament Helpline:** [nmsdahelp@gmail.com](mailto:nmsdahelp@gmail.com)

**Registration Deadline:** Fri., Oct. 20, 11 AM    **Drop Deadline:** Wed., Oct. 25, at 11 AM

**Judging Obligation:** Each school is required to provide 1 judge per every 4 Speech entries and 1 judge per every 10 Congress entries. Optional judge trainings will be held via Zoom on the evening of **Tue., Oct. 24 [apologies — originally had the wrong date!]**.

**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
- International Extemporaneous Speaking
- US Extemporaneous Speaking
- Declamation
- Impromptu
- Poetry
- Original Spoken Word Poetry
- Storytelling

## Schedule

- Friday** 7 - 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  
3:30 PM – Speech Round 4 (Extemp draw @ 3:00)  
4 PM – Congress Round 2 ends  
5 PM or ASAP – Awards

\*Please RSVP via email with your anticipated numbers no later than Monday, October 23.

## Topic Areas

**Congress:** Legislation can be viewed and downloaded at [this link](#).

### Extemp:

- US Round 1: Voting and Elections
- US Round 2: Race and Racism
- US Round 3: Health and Healthcare
- US Round 4: Science and Technology
- Int'l Round 1: Climate Change
- Int'l Round 2: Neocolonialism
- Int'l Round 3: Int'l Justice
- Int'l Round 4: Disputed Lands

### Impromptu:

- Round 1: Halloween Costumes
- Round 2: Proverbs of the World
- Round 3: Film Sequel (Sub)Titles
- Round 4: Famous Last Words

## Other Info

**Diné Cultural Night (7-9 PM, Friday, October 27):** 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, and chaperones are all welcome, and **dinner will be provided at no cost to our guests!** Please RSVP by email (to [john.russell@navajoprep.com](mailto:john.russell@navajoprep.com)) no later than Monday, October 23, with your anticipated numbers and any dietary restrictions.

**Double Entry:** A student may double enter in most Speech events (though not both Extemp). 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 three novice competitors in each event.

**Novice/Varsity Distinction:** Per pp. 20-21 of [the NMSDA Unified Manual](#), a student qualifies as novice for Congress and for all Speech events only if they have not competed in any Speech or Debate event whatsoever prior to the current school year.

**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](mailto: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.

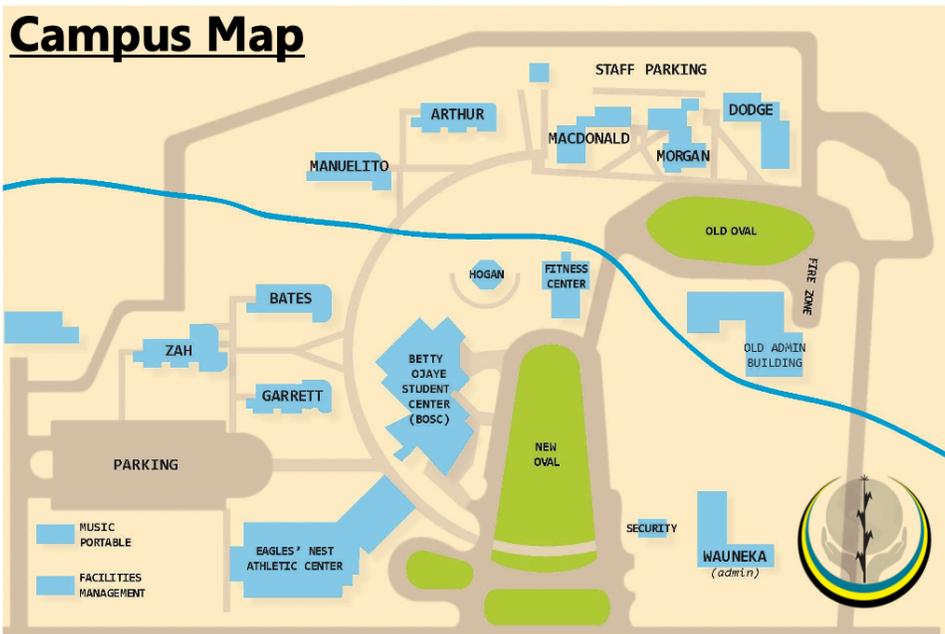
**Belonging & Inclusion Support:** The Navajo Prep Speech & Debate Team and the Atsá Invitational share the NMSDA’s support for and advocacy of belonging and inclusion for all who attend this event. If a student, coach, judge, or anyone else involved with the tournament feels they have been excluded 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](mailto: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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## 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)

<i>1st Floor</i>	
F162	Front Office
F163	Registrar
F165	Front Office Conference Room
F166	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
<i>2nd Floor</i>	
F203	Academic Counselor
F204	BOSC Conference Room
F213	Navajo Language Classroom
F216	Computer Mezzanine
F209	Science Classroom

## MacDonald Hall

<i>Lower Level</i>	
M121	Student Recreation Center
M120	Dean of Student Life
M120	Asst. Dean of Student Life

<i>1st Floor</i>	
M221	Social Studies Classroom
M220	Information Technology
M254	Social Studies Classroom
M255	Social Studies Classroom

<i>2nd Floor</i>	
M320	SPED Coordinator
M321	Social Studies Classroom

## Morgan Hall

<i>1st Floor</i>	
G120	Student Success Center
G153	Morgan Kitchen
G159	Morgan Conference Room

<i>2nd Floor</i>	
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

<i>Lower Level</i>	
D120	Fitness Classroom
D122	Spanish Classroom
D154	Computer Science Classroom

<i>1st Floor</i>	
D202	Athletic Secretary
D222	Admissions/ Public Relations
D225	Spanish Classroom
D254	Navajo Language
D255	English Classroom

<i>2nd Floor</i>	
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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