

BILLINGS WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Speech & Debate 2025-26

COACHING STAFF

Steve Macartney (Room 115)

Libby Threadgoode (Library)

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

October 1st, 2025	First Practice
Nov. 8, 2025	Kickoff Tournament (Hosted at West High)
Nov. 14-15, 2025	Great Falls
Dec. 5-6, 2025	Belgrade Eastern Regional
Dec. 12-13, 2025	Bozeman
Jan. 9-10, 2026	Helena
Jan. 16-17, 2026	Butte
Jan. 30-31, 2026	Kalispell – AA STATE TOURNAMENT
Feb. 13-14, 2026	NSDA Eastern District Qualifier (Hosted at Skyview High School)
June 14-19, 2026	Richmond, Virginia – NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Team Fees and Due Dates (Turn in to Mr. Macartney in Room 115)		
New Members \$65 Participation Fee \$30 Activity Card (if necessary) \$20 NSDA Membership \$200 Great Falls - Helena Meals TOTAL: \$315	Returning Members \$65 Participation Fee \$30 Activity Card (if necessary) \$200 Great Falls - Helena Meals TOTAL: \$295	Due Mon, Oct 27th, 2025
Those selected to participate on the “postseason team” will compete at Butte & Kalispell. These students will owe an additional \$100 for meals for those tournaments.		Due Mon, Jan 12th, 2026
National Tournament Travel Deposit (Cost TBD)		Due Mon, Mar 16th, 2026
<p>Students are responsible for their own meals for any tournament hosted in Billings. Other costs and fees may be required after the season has begun. For example, although there is no team “uniform”, students are responsible for providing their own tournament clothing. See the team handbook for more information. If you are unable to cover the cost of all of these fees, please talk to a coach privately. We understand that participation is expensive, and believe that it should not prevent you from competing.</p>		

IMPORTANT INFORMATION and FORMS

Please visit the **WEST HIGH SPEECH & DEBATE WEB PAGE** for a list of all necessary forms: (<https://www.billingsschools.org/our-schools/high-schools/west>) and then Activities > Speech and Debate.

- BPS Activities Handbook
- Team Speech and Debate Handbook
- Medical Information
- 25-26 S&D Participant Info Form (online)
- Media Release Form
- Risk, Liability, and Indemnity form

More information will be provided at the meeting for parents and guardians on Tuesday, October 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The meeting will be in the cafeteria.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

SPEECH GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Code: hlbcirp

DEBATE GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Code: sj3y6bi

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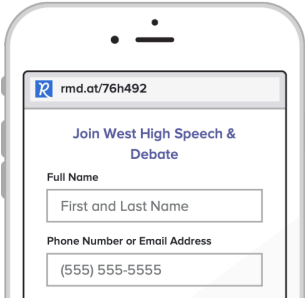
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Need more info? Email or call Mr. Macartney (macartneys@billingsschools.org + 406.281.5630)

