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Who are the coaches?

The head coach is Mr Rose. . I love serving our students as they sharpen their communication skills. I also thrive to have a team that is competitive but also fun.

What is the team like?

Our team is very close-knit and includes students with a wide variety of interests. Anyone is welcome as long as they work hard!

What are the benefits of participating in high school forensics?

- It's a lot of fun!
- It's a great way to develop confidence.
- It helps you meet interesting people.
- You can earn membership in the honor society of the NSDA (the National Speech and Debate Association) – and get cords at graduation.
- It helps you speak more effectively, make arguments more convincingly, and think more critically.
- It gives you an advantage in college admissions and job applications because it shows that you have strong communication skills, are dedicated and hardworking, and can think well on your feet.

What is the time commitment?

We practice after school on Tuesday and/or Thursday for about an hour.. You must attend at least one practice per week, that may extend on tournament weeks, or make arrangements with a coach. We compete at least one Saturday a month from October to March. To be a member in good standing, you must attend at least three tournaments each season.

What else is required to be on the team / Tournament Expectations

- A parent/guardian will need to provide transportation to and from our in-county tournaments.
- A parent or guardian must commit to judging during at least one of our tournaments.
- You must remain in good academic standing according to the CCS rules for academic and athletic teams (2.5 GPA or higher, no failing grades, and no discipline referrals).
- The tournaments take the entire Saturday from 8:00 am to 8:00 not including transportation
- Students will need money with them so they can afford food, sold on campus, and dinner on the way home

Tournament Schedule

Oct 4 - DSDL 2 at Pine Forest High School	Feb. 7 - DSDL 5 at Jack Britt High School
Nov. 1 - DSDL 3 at Apex Friendship High School	Feb. 28 - DSDL 6 at Cumberland Polytechnic High School
Nov. 15 - DSDL 4 at Cary High School	District tournament in March
Jan 16 - 18 - Durham Invitational	State tournament in April

What events are there?

Interpretive Events (IE)	
Original Oratory: OO is an individual event in which speakers research and write a 10 minute persuasive speech about a topic of your choice. Speakers are judged on their ideas, organization, memorization, and delivery.	Programmed Oral Interpretation: POI is an individual event in which speakers combine excerpts from poetry, prose, and informational texts to create a meditation on a theme of their choosing.
Dramatic Interpretation: DI is an individual event in which speakers memorize a ten-minute selection from a single published work (novel, short story, play, poetry, etc.) and perform it without props, sets, or costumes. Speakers are judged on memorization and performance.	Informative Speaking: IS is an individual event in which speakers explain a topic of their choice. IS is the only interpretive event in which visual aids (non-living and non-electronic) are allowed. Maximum performance length is 10 minutes with a 30-second grace period.
Humorous Interpretation: HI is an individual event in which speakers memorize a ten-minute humorous selection. It is judged the same as DI.	Extemporaneous Speaking: Extemp. is an individual event in which the speaker draws a current event-related topic on the day of competition and has only thirty minutes to write and memorize (or improvise) a seven-minute speech about it. Speakers are judged on the organization and development of their ideas and on their delivery.
Duo Interpretation: DI is a two-person event in which the speakers memorize a ten-minute humorous or dramatic selection from a published work and perform it according to certain rules. The basis for judging is the same as DI/HI.	Impromptu: Impromptu is an individual event in which speakers draw a topic and, with only 2 minutes of preparation, deliver a speech on the topic. Speakers are judged on ideas, organization, and delivery.

Debate Events		
Public Forum Debate: In this event, two students debate controversial current events with a pair of opponents. Topics are announced monthly. Public Forum debaters are judged on their arguments and delivery. This is a good event for those who work best with a partner and enjoy researching current events!	Lincoln-Douglas Debate: In this event, students engage in a one-on-one debate centered on moral values. Topics are announced monthly. LD debaters are judged on their arguments and delivery. This is a good event for those who enjoy researching both current events and moral issues and can think on their feet!	Congress: In this event, students prepare, present, debate, and vote on legislation just like the real Congress. Although this is an individual event, Congressional Debaters are judged not only on their arguments and delivery but also on how well they work with the other members of their chamber. This is a good event for those who keep up with the news and have strong people skills!