

SPEECH OBJECTIVE & CURRICULAR OVERVIEW

Students will:

- Learn and be given opportunities to practice strategies to overcome presentation anxieties.
- Study and be given opportunities to implement best practices of eye contact, vocal variety, and body language in verbal communication situations, especially public speaking situations.
- Learn proper organization and formatting of information into an outline for efficient presentation purposes.
- Learn to properly cite sources using MLA formatting.
- Learn to identify reliable sources versus unreliable sources, especially online sources.
- Learn persuasive speaking terminologies, strategies, and persuasive psychology.
- Learn about and be given opportunities to implement proper introductions and conclusions for public speaking situations.
- Learn to develop useful and efficient visual aids.
- Learn to develop organized and efficient reminder material for public speaking situations.

CLASS INFORMATION

- If you are absent the day of your speech, you must deliver it the day of your return, or the grade will result in a zero.
- If your absence is deemed unexcused, you will receive a zero for the speech.
- There is no such thing as a late speech.
- Grades are given point values.
 - Homework is a single weight.
 - Quizzes are 2x weight.
 - Tests are 3x weight.
- 25% will be deducted for a late assignment for the first day late. 50% will be deducted for second day late assignments. Late assignments will not be accepted after two days late. Excused absences are handled according to the student handbook policy, with teacher discretion in regards to length and reason for absence.
- Students who are absent for a school reason must request work before leaving and expect to submit it when returning.
- All COVID-19 related absences will be handled according to approved school policy, which is currently fluid due to ever-changing ISBE guidelines.

CURRICULUM

- You will deliver 6 speeches.
- Each speech will be recorded and shared with you through Google drive.
- You will critique yourself for each speech using the form that I will also share with you.
- You will also critique your fellow classmates' speeches for effectiveness and quality.
- You will be required to include with formal informative and persuasive speeches organized outlines, works cited pages, visual aids, & organized reminder cards.
- The last speech will be a demonstration speech, if time allows.
- Between the speeches we will study effective speaking techniques, proper organizing and presentation of materials, MLA citation, reliable resources, and the psychology of persuasion.

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE

First Semester Classes

- First, second, & third speeches will be finished by middle of September.
- First formal informative speech (fourth speech) will be finished by end of October.
- Persuasive speech (fifth speech) will be finished by end of November.
- Demonstrative speech will be completed by 2nd week in December.

Second Semester Classes

- First, second, & third speeches will be finished by middle of February.
- First formal informative speech (fourth speech) will be finished by end of March.
- Persuasive speech (fifth speech) will be finished by end of April.
- Demonstrative speech will be completed by 2nd week in May.