



Public Speaking

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Class Times: M 10:45-11:25 AM, T & Th 9:55-11:15 AM

Course Syllabus

Course Description: This English course provides students with a broad range of experiences in oral communication. Students will learn group discussion techniques and parliamentary procedures. Students will be able to give increasingly demanding speeches and express their abstract ideas in concrete form.

Content Standards:

Students will:

1. Listen to, analyze and describe many styles public speaking.
2. Evaluate public speaking and parliamentary procedures.
3. Understand relationships between public speaking, the arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
4. Understand public speaking in relation to history and culture.
5. Outline and present various types of speeches.

Course Outline:

1. Elements of Speech

- a. Tone/Speech
- b. Tone Color/Timbre
- c. Rhythm
- d. Subject
- e. Message
- f. Theme
- g. Structure/Speech Outline
- h. Call to Action

2. Audience

- a. Channel/Mode of communication
- b. Demographic
- c. Visual/Verbal Ques
- d. Body Language/confidence
- e. How to overcome stage fright

III. Types of Speeches

- a. Self-introduction
- b. Informative
- c. Persuasive
- d. Argumentative
- e. Demonstration
- f. Impromptu

IV. Roberts Rules of Order

- a. To Make a Motion
- b. To Postpone an Item Indefinitely
- c. To Amend a Motion
- d. To Commit a Motion
- e. To Call For The Question
- f. To Table a Discussion
- g. To Adjourn a Meeting

V. History of Roberts Rule of Order

VI. Demonstration of Roberts Rules of Order

- a. View a procedure
- b. Class project/demonstration

Materials Needed:

- 1-Two Pocket Folder to hold speeches
- Notebook paper
- Sharpened Pencil or a (working) Led Pencil
- Blue or Black Ink Pen
- Laptop/Computer
- 3x5 note cards

Course Requirements:

- Students **MUST** be on time to class! There are quite a few people registered for this course, and we will need as much time as possible.
- Assessments will be given at the end of each unit.
- Students may not eat, drink, or chew gum during class. Drinking of water is allowed.

- Students must be prepared with required materials for each class.
- Use of cell phones is prohibited unless used for a specific purpose. Mr. Joseph will let you know when the cell phone use is permitted.
- Students must participate in classwork and discussions. All discussion of and participation in speeches is important and welcomed in class.
- Students MUST TYPE all speech outlines, and deliver their speeches for the class in order to pass the class. Students will be allowed to use 3x5 cards during their speeches. Speech lengths will be different for each speech presented.
- Please allow for a 48–72-hour turnaround on emails.

Grading:

Student Engagement	10%
Practice and Application	50%
Assessments	40%

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I have received and read the Public Speaking Course Syllabus/Weekly course map. I agree to meet all course requirements as listed.

_____ **Student Name (Please print)**

_____ **Date**

_____ **Parent/Guardian Signature**

_____ **Date**