

## Thinking of joining speech & debate?

The Guyer High School Speech & Debate Team is excited to have you join us! Please refer to this informational handout that describes the events we do and summer opportunities you have to prepare for next year.

### Which class should I take?

Debate I –

- 9-10 graders who haven't attended a summer camp

Debate II –

- Any returning (varsity) students
- 9-10 graders who have attended a camp
- 11-12 graders who have never competed
- Requires instructor approval

Public Speaking or Oral Interp –

- Competitive Acting events
- Any returning (varsity) students
- New students qualifying through audition

### What events do we do?

- You may find summarized event descriptions here: <http://www.speechanddebate.org/competitionevents>
- Debate I begins with Policy Debate and surveys all other events
- Debate II novices may begin with Policy or another debate event
- All debaters are required to do Extemporaneous Speaking whenever possible
- All Oral Interp students are required to write and perform an Original Oratory

### What can I do to prepare?

Summer camps are an excellent way to move forward in your respective event(s). Summer camps can be found all over the country at various times throughout the summer. Varsity students are required to attend camp for different lengths/quality based on their events. A list of recommended camps will be available in March.

All incoming novices are recommended to attend the workshops held at Guyer HS July 18-30. Please visit [www.touchstonedebate.com](http://www.touchstonedebate.com) for additional details.

### Frequently Asked Questions

*Can I take debate and another elective?*

Yes, absolutely! We encourage participation in other activities.

*Do I have to enroll in the class in order to compete?*

Yes! Class is key to preparedness.

*Does competition require any cost?*

Yes, it does. We have a budget and fundraisers to support those who could not otherwise afford to travel. We will do everything possible to ensure those who have worked the hardest are able to travel.