



**Information Session Slides 2024-25**

# What is Speech?

**Speech is great for building speaking, acting, debating, or communication skills!**

**Speech welcomes all types of personalities, from actors to poets, class clowns to theater lovers, future business leaders to political buffs, and everyone in between.**

**It's an activity that strives to create more vocal and involved young adults through the power of speech and performance.**

**The ERHS Speech Team is a selective, nationally competitive team of devoted and passionate individuals who have taken advantage of one high school's greatest opportunities.**

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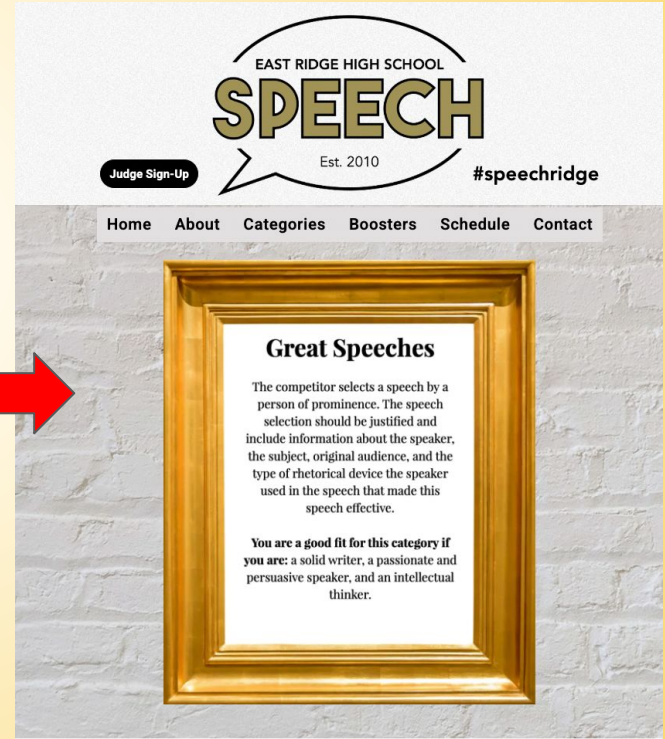
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## Speech Categories



- Original Oratory
- Prose
- Great Speeches
- Poetry
- Extemp Reading
- Humorous
- Storytelling
- Extemp Speaking
- Informative
- Discussion
- Duo Interpretation
- Creative Expression
- Drama



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## Great Speeches

The competitor selects a speech by a person of prominence. The speech selection should be justified and include information about the speaker, the subject, original audience, and the type of rhetorical device the speaker used in the speech that made this speech effective.

**You are a good fit for this category if you are:** a solid writer, a passionate and persuasive speaker, and an intellectual thinker.

# Team Member Expectations

- Attend summer workshop, practices, clinics, and regular tournaments
- Communicate absences in a timely manner
- Complete work outside of regular practices
- Communication is key

# Parent Expectations

- Judge at 2 tournaments (per student)  
If you know you cannot judge, you can buy out your judging commitment by paying \$160 for both tournaments or \$80 for one tournament
- Volunteer at the ERHS Home Tournament in February

# Fees

- \$50 - Booster Club Fee
- \$20 - Cost of NSDA membership (Novices only)
- \$140 - MSHSL School Activity Fee

## **Additional costs may include:**

- Tournament attire
- Lunch on tournament days
- Fees for Optional Circuit Tournaments
- NSDA National Tournament

# A Day in the Life of a Speech Tournament



On the bus by 6:45 AM



Waiting in between rounds



Countdown to Awards

Back to ERHS by around 5:30 PM

# 2024-25 Season Schedule

**TBD Summer Workshop**

**Mid-November Practices begin**

**TBD Winter Break Workshop**

**Late January to Mid March Saturday Tournaments (9)**

**Mid April NIETOC & MN State Tournament**

**April Auditions for the 2025-26 Season**

**Mid June NSDA National Tournament**