

SPEECH

COMMUNICATION 1

057600

Grades: 9-12

COMMUNICATN

1/2 Elective Credit

Prerequisite: None

Communication skills and behaviors are the focus of this course. Topics include the communication process, the importance of feedback, verbal and non-verbal skills, listening skills, and intrapersonal, interpersonal, and small group communication. Projects, activities, role playing, discussion, and written assignments help students evaluate and improve their own skills in communication. Evaluation is based on participation, discussion, quizzes, and written and oral assignments.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

057630

Grades: 9-12

PUB SPKING

1/2 Elective Credit

Prerequisite: None

In this class, a practical approach is made toward speaking that builds confidence and poise. The students present a wide variety of speeches in an informal classroom atmosphere. The format is designed to prepare students for everyday classroom participation as well as for other speaking opportunities. Emphasis is on improved self-confidence and self-expression as speaking, listening, and thinking skills are built. Evaluation is based on performance, criticism, and unit assignments. Some memorization may be required. College credit is offered.

DEBATE 1

057660

Grades: 9-12

DEBATE 1

1/2 English IV Credit

Prerequisite: Open to freshmen and sophomores with a B average or higher. Open to all interested juniors and seniors

Debate is a highly disciplined course designed to acquaint the student with the procedures involved in a researched, structured argument. The course centers on the current national debate topics, although other issues are researched and debated. Organizational skills, as well as public speaking skills, are reinforced during the semester. Challenge debates with other schools and demonstration debates in the classroom put these skills into use. This course may be taken for .5 English credit, but may not replace English 1, 2, or 3.

RADIO AND TELEVISION ANNOUNCING 057700

Grades: 9-12

RADIO TV AN

1/2 Elective Credit

Prerequisite: None

This course features instruction in current techniques of radio and television announcing. Included in the course are news editing, composition and delivery of special features, and team and individual announcing and performing. Techniques for improving students in articulation, projection, and communication, along with other skills required in media all receive emphasis. Students discover how radio and television influence people and how media have been developed.

DEBATE 2

057670

Grades: 10-12

DEBATE 2

1/2 Elective Credit

Prerequisite: Debate 1

Designed to follow the basic debate course, Debate 2 is an in-depth study of all forensic techniques, particularly those used in competitive debates. The tools of research and logic are emphasized as well as the effectiveness of the various kinds of reasoning. Oratory and extemporaneous speaking are also studied. Forensic team participation is a requirement of this course.