

Public Speaking and Debate

Grades 8-12

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Course Description: This course will help students to communicate well, both privately and in public, with training in articulation, projection, hand gestures, etc. Learning to research topics for speeches will also be a part of this class. Seven speeches will be graded, including informative, entertaining, demonstration, special occasion and persuasion. A mini-unit on debate will occur at the end of the second semester. Speeches will be graded according to a rubric, and grades will also be given based on class participation and sporadic quizzes. Homework will consist of research and speech preparation and practice. By the end of this class, students will feel more confident and ready when asked to speak in public!

Course Credit – 1 Full Speech (Each semester counts as ½ credit)

Materials Needed: A 3-ring binder with lined and blank paper, and a pen or pencil.

Tuition is \$400. A \$40 deposit will be due at registration, with \$160 due at first class. The final \$200 will be due at the beginning of second semester in January. Students who drop the class within the first 3 weeks will be refunded for remaining classes. No refunds will be given after 3 weeks.

About the Tutor: I have a Bachelor's degree in Education from Grace College and a Master's from Ball State, and have taught a variety of ages and subjects. I've taught summer theatre camps for four years, as well. My greatest experience has been homeschooling my seven children, six of whom have graduated. I am excited to calm students' fears of public speaking and help them to actually enjoy it!