

Mexico High School Invitational

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Dear coaches,

The Mexico Speech Team is excited to invite you all to our one day speech tournament on **February 21, 2026**. This tournament was previously in December and spread across two days with debate included. We have shortened the tournament to one day and made it only speech events. We hope you still find a way to make it to our one day tournament and are excited for everyone to visit.

Our tournament will be hosted at Mexico High School (639 N. Wade Mexico, MO 65265).

- Please register for events via Speechwire by Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 4:00PM.
 - Each school is guaranteed 3 entries per event. Additional entries will be added to a waitlist and we will do our best to accommodate them as quickly as possible, if possible.
 - Students may not triple enter.
 - Drops can be made without a fee by Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 4:00PM. After this time, no additions may be requested and drops will be charged the original entry fee plus a \$5 late fee.
 - If the drop is on the day of the tournament call or text 573-473-8178 with the information BEFORE arriving at the tournament.
 - Entry fees are \$10.00 per event. (\$18.00 for DUO) Payment is due by registration. Please bring a check or Purchase Order when you register.
 - A hospitality room will be provided for coaches, judges and bus drivers.
 - Buses may park in the student parking lot facing Curtis Street on the south side of the building by the sports complex. Buses may NOT park in the circle drive. Follow the signs for registration once inside the building.
 - The sports complex and Gooch Gym are OFF LIMITS to students attending the speech tournament. The elevators are OFF LIMITS to students without permission. Please remind your students of this.
 - Your students may gather in the cafeteria. Please ask them to NOT hang out or gather in stairwells or hallways.
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The following events will be offered:

- Original Oratory
- Informative Speaking
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Humorous Interpretation
- Duo Interpretation
- Program Oral Interpretation
- Poetry
- Prose
- Radio Speaking
- Storytelling
- US Extemporaneous Speaking
- International Extemporaneous Speaking

Fees: All entries will be \$10.00. (\$18.00 for Duo) Drops made after December 18th at 4:00 PM will result in a charge for the entry.

- Dramatic, Humorous, Info, POI, Duo, Oratory, Extemp will follow the current NSDA guidelines. Prose, Poetry, Story, and Radio will follow the current MSHSAA guidelines.

Each school is required to bring 1 adult judge per 8 Individual Event Entries. If necessary, we may ask coaches to judge. We will provide a sign up so judges can choose which rounds work best for them. Please make sure you have each round covered.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Sidney Groves.

Tournament Directors:

Sidney Groves (MHS Head Coach): 573-473-8178;
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Genae England (MHS Assistant Coach): gengland@mexico.k12.mo.us

Please fill out our [coach contact form](#) if you plan to attend.

Saturday, February 21st Schedule:

8:00 - 8:45 AM - Doors Open/ Teams Check-in

9:00 AM - Extemp Draw

9:30 AM - Round One Speech

11:00 AM - Extemp Draw

11:30 AM - Round Two Speech

1:00 PM - Semis Extemp Draw

1:30 PM - Semi-Finals

3:00 PM- Final Extemp Draw

3:30 PM - Finals

5:00 PM - Awards

FILL OUT JUDGE FORM HERE.

Judging Rules

1. Each school is required to bring 1 adult judge per 8 Individual Event Entries.
 2. Judges **must** remain in their room until all performances have been viewed unless otherwise specified.
 3. Judges can be coaches, members of the community, any VARSITY student who has competed for the past 2 years, and former students.
 4. Coaches will be entered in the judge pool.
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Awards

- 6 competitors in each event will advance to finals.
- Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the Top 2 schools

Sweepstakes

- 2 points for advancing to semis & finals
- 4 points for 3rd
- 6 points for 2nd
- 8 points for 1st