



Sylvania Schools

Speech and Debate Invitational

January 13-14, 2016



Sylvania Schools cordially invites you to an all events tournament to be held Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14, 2016. We will provide two days of strong competition, which we know you will find helpful as we rapidly approach district tournaments. We offer an all events tournament with PDQ in Varsity Debate, contingent upon fulfilling registration requirements. In addition we're a prequalifier for the Tournament of Champions.

Individual Events: Sylvania Southview High School
7225 Sylvania Avenue
Sylvania, Ohio 43660

**PLEASE NOTE: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
AND PF/LD DEBATE HAVE
SWITCHED SCHOOLS!**

LD/PF Debate: Sylvania Northview High School
5403 Silica Drive
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

**REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD AT
SOUTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

Policy Debate/Congress: McCord Junior High School
4304 McCord Road
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Individual Events: Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Program Oral Interpretation, International and United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Declamation and Informative Speaking

Debate Events: Varsity Policy, Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas

The topic for Policy Debate – Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.

Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate will be using the January NSDA topic.

Student Congress: The preliminary sessions of Congress will debate the relevant section of the OHSSL docket. Semi-super and super legislation will be announced close to the tournament date. Stay updated!

Judges: In Policy, one judge is required for every two teams the school registers.
In Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum, one judge is required for every two contestants, with two judges needed for three or four contestants.

In Individual Events and Student Congress, one judge is required for every one to five students competing. A duo team counts as one contestant. So, if you bring six contestants, you should bring two judges, if you bring eleven contestants you should bring three judges, and so on. We schedule all five preliminary rounds ahead of time, so please bring the required judges in all events.

A drop of a judge will result in a \$50.00 per day penalty that will be assessed at the tournament. We allow no student judges.

When inputting your judges, we ask that you please put an A B or C in the "Comments" section. Speechwire will use this information when pulling judges for semis and finals.

A - a coach or seasoned judge (must be out of HS at least one full year)

B - a former competitor or person who has judged several times

C - a new judge or you're unsure

Hired Judges: We will offer some judges for hire, based on availability. Please email Brandi Shepard

(bshepard@sylvaniaschools.org) by January 4 if you must hire a judge (limit is two, based on availability). We encourage you to check with other schools regarding extra judges before hiring judges through the tournament. **Judges cost \$40.00 per day or \$80.00 for both days.**

Registration/Fees: All registrations and fees will be collected at Southview High School, payable to Southview Forensics Boosters. Registration fees are as follows:

Individual Events	\$6.00 per contestant
Congress	\$6.00 per contestant
Lincoln Douglas	\$10.00 per contestant
2 person Debate	\$30.00 per team
Public Forum	\$20.00 per team

Dropped Contestants: Teams dropping contestants after Tuesday, January 10 at 3:00 p.m. will be assessed a \$5 penalty per drop in addition to registration fee.

Registration Caps: Teams may register up to six entries in any event. If we can accommodate additional registrants, we will per a wait list. **Please add your wait list requests through Speechwire.** These will be accomodated by date received in Speechwire. Teams will receive confirmation of entries on the Tuesday before the tournament.

Rounds: Check the schedule for the number of rounds/sessions in each event.

Awards: We will be offering unique and special awards to all contestants in individual events final rounds, PF and LD debate to octafinalists and higher, and, Policy debate to semifinalists and higher. Sweepstakes awards will also be presented. As in recent years, both schools will meet for final awards. This year awards will be in the Southview gymnasium.

Meals: Speech & Debate Boosters will be offering food at a minimal price on Friday and Saturday at each school. Students will be encouraged to eat at the schools. We will provide food for judges at all schools at no cost.

Housing: Check the documents on SpeechWire for information on local hotels.

Transportation: Coaches must provide transportation between the Northview, Southview and McCord schools.

BQS Because this tournament is so large, we kindly request no double entries. To ensure students can receive bids in debate, we will not allow maverick entries in Public Forum or Policy Debate

Deadline: All registrations are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6. All teams must register through SpeechWire.

Tournament Schedule (subject to slight changes):

Check SpeechWire for round start times.

Friday

3:00pm-4:00pm	Registration at Southview High School (Debate-only schools may register at Northview)
4:00pm-4:15pm	Opening Assemblies & Judges' Meetings
4:30pm	Rounds Begin (There will be a dinner break)

Saturday

8:30am	Check In & Extemp Prep
9:00am-noon	Preliminary Rounds
1:00pm-5:00pm	Elimination Rounds
6:00pm	Awards Ceremonies at Southview Gymnasium.