

Speech Course Syllabus

Overview:

The purpose of this course is to develop essential public speaking and communication skills. Class work and assignments will include speeches, projects, and activities in individual, small group, or large group formats. Speeches will be both formal and informal, memorized and scripted, prepared and improvised. Traditional forms of public speaking dominate the first semester, while units on drama, theatre, speech team, and communication are covered in the second semester. Curriculum satisfies the Nebraska Language Arts standards.

Primary Text:

Glencoe Speech The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Copyright 2009

Other Texts: (Include, but not limited to)

38 Basic Speech Experiences Carlile and Hensley 11th Edition

Drama Games & Improvs Jones and Kelley

Grading Procedures:

Grades will be earned on a point system. The grade formula is the number of points acquired divided by the number of points possible.

Daily Grades: Vary based on length and level of activity (includes in-class activities, homework, etc.)

Journal Grades: 4 points each entry, Must be answered daily

Improv Grades: Vary based on activity, Points earned for active participation and effort

Quizzes and Tests: 100 points (chapter quizzes and section/unit tests)

Speeches and Theatrical Performances: 100-200 points each, Rubric provided before performance

Class Supplies:

Speech Textbook

Current speech research, scripts, etc.

Writing utensils (pencil, blue or black pen for assignments, red for checking)

Perforated Notebook (No FRINGIES!)

3 Ring binder or large folder for holding research

School issued iPad and class required apps

Classroom Rules:

1. Be Safe
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Responsible
4. No food or drink (water okay)
5. All Overton handbook rules apply

Consequences:

- 1-4: Verbal warning, Detention and Parent Notification, Office Referral
- 5: As outlined in handbook

iPad Rules:

1. Bring iPad to class, charged, everyday, no exceptions
2. Treat the iPad with respect
3. Only Mrs. Wyatt approved apps and games may be used in class
4. School storage always takes precedence over personal storage
5. May listen to music using headphones, as long as it doesn't disturb others

Late Papers:

You are responsible young adults and, therefore, I do not expect late work. If you do turn in work late, the following consequence will be applied:

1st day - Drop 1 letter grade

2nd day - ½ credit

3rd day - No credit

If you are struggling with the completion of an assignment, do not hesitate to come and talk to me. Depending on the circumstances, arrangements may be made to give extensions, shorten work, modify assignments, or give assistance. However, if you wait to talk to me until the day it is due, I will feel no sympathy and be less willing to offer assistance. Be responsible for yourself!

Absences and Make-up Policies:

Students will have two days after returning (for each day absent) to submit make-up work. All homework assignments can be found on Overton's OnCourse webpage. Click on Mrs. Wyatt and find your class to read your assignments.

Contact Information:

I will be in my classroom before and after school for students with questions and concerns. My classroom hours are 7:55am-4:00pm and my planning period is 1st hour. I will make arrangements if these times do not work for you. You may contact me through email at ashley.wyatt@overtoneagles.org. Please DO NOT hesitate to contact me if you need help! I CAN NOT help you if I do not know that you need help!