

Two-Year Calendar 1988-90

Subdistrict dates and the dates for District Debate, Theatre and Speech are the latest dates the contests may be held. Dates for all other contests are firm.

1988-89	Theatre (1988)	Debate (1989)	Speech (1989)	JR Division 1989
Subdistrict	Oct. 22		March 18	February 18 Level I
District	Nov. 4-5	Jan. 7	April 8	March 11, Level II
Section	Nov. 18-19			
State	Dec. 2-3	2 & 4SP Jan. 27-28	April 28-29	
Board Meetings	Oct. 25-26, 1988 May 4-5, 1989	Thanksgiving Easter	November 24 March 26	

1989-90	Theatre (1989)	Debate (1990)	Speech (1990)	JR Division 1990
Subdistrict	Oct. 21		March 10	February 17 Level I
District	Nov. 3-4	Jan. 6	March 31	March 10, Level II
Section	Nov. 17-18			
State	Dec. 1-2	2 & 4SP Jan. 26-27	April 27-28	
Board Meetings	Oct. 24-25, 1989 May 3-4, 1990	Thanksgiving Easter	November 23 April 15	

ANNOUNCING THE 1988 SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Join us this summer for an exciting, educational experience with some of the nation's leading authorities on drama and theatre. We'll be in Madison - Wisconsin's beautiful capital city brimming with theatre and music events, fashionable shopping, films, galleries, and fine restaurants.

This year we are offering three classes especially designed for teachers, directors, and other individuals interested in working with young people.

Storytelling and Story Dramatization

Monday, July 25, 1988, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Madison

Technical Theatre Workshop: Design & Production Techniques for School Theatre Programs

Saturday, July 30, 1988, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Madison

Directing the Young Performer

Monday through Friday, July 25-29, 1988, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm daily - Madison

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BOARD OF CONTROL TAKES ACTION

- ** The National Debate Topic for 1988-89 was announced. (See related story.)
- ** The Speech Advisory Committee was directed to study the distribution of points earned by students at the State Speech Contest and to report back to the Board at the fall meeting.
- ** Notice was given Doering, Dusterbeck, Cass, Klug, Stevens and Mickolajak that they had been reelected for a three year term.

** Chair Ott notified the Board that Ed Ristow, District 4 Chair, has resigned his position on the Board. Personnel Chair Hanson was directed to seek a replacement.

** Kaump reported that the Junior Division Advisory Committee rejected a request from the Senior Division Debate Advisory Committee to establish a middle school debate program.

** Permission was granted to the Theatre Advisory Committee to hold a summer meeting for the purpose of continuing efforts began in 1987 in regard to education and participation.

** Spear reported on the Debate Advisory Committee proposals, district contests, fees, judge requirements and state dates. (See related stories.)

** Price reported on the meetings of the Speech Advisory Committee proposals including the 1988-90 Handbook. (See related stories.)

** A personnel review committee consisting of Price, Scott, Cass, Thompson and Torgeson was appointed by Ott.

** A two year calendar was adopted. (See related story.)

1987-88 SPEECH CONTEST RESULTS

	Schools	Entries	CC	AS	E	NS
District 1	26	269	43 (16%)	106 (39%)	114 (42%)	6 (.02)
District 2	32	337	62 (18%)	139 (41%)	133 (39%)	3 (-)
District 3	31	299	62 (21%)	134 (45%)	97 (32%)	6 (.02)
District 4	33	309	70 (23%)	138 (45%)	93 (30%)	8 (.03)
District 5	35	392	64 (16%)	191 (48%)	122 (31%)	15 (.04)
District 6	31	405	80 (20%)	184 (46%)	131 (32%)	10 (.03)
District 7	33	259	57 (22%)	121 (47%)	75 (29%)	6 (.02)
District 8	36	395	88 (22%)	184 (47%)	113 (29%)	10 (.03)
District 9	30	368	105 (28%)	160 (43%)	96 (26%)	7 (.02)
District 10	34	410	91 (22%)	185 (45%)	124 (30%)	10 (.02)
District 11	33	302	61 (20%)	138 (46%)	95 (31%)	8 (.03)
District 12	24	322	77 (23%)	129 (40%)	100 (31%)	16 (.05)
District 13	21	179	27 (15%)	61 (34%)	60 (33%)	31 (.18)
District 14	28	341	55 (16%)	145 (43%)	118 (35%)	23 (.07)
	427	4517	942 (21%)	2012 (45%)	1471 (32%)	156 (.04)

HINTZ AWARD - 1988

427 Schools x .05 = 21 Schools (and also tied)
Points necessary to achieve award ranged from 61-82
Schools achieving this number, listed in alphabetical order are:

Albany	Lodi
Algoma	Madison East
Altoona	Muskego
Columbus	Omro
Delavan-Darien	Oshkosh West
Fredonia Ozaukee	Ripon
Hartford Union	Sheboygan Christian
Hartland Arrowhead	Sheboygan South
Holmen	Spencer
Lancaster	Winneconne
Livingston Iowa Grant	Wrightstown

L/D DEBATE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The recently held WHSFA State Lincoln-Douglas Tournament had thirty student entries, representing a total of eighteen schools.

Third place honors were earned by Cindy Weisenbelk of Durand High School and Joe Wilson from Eau Claire Memorial. The second place winner was Baj Kochar, Marquette High School and the first place trophy was taken home by Lann Wasson, Brookfield Central High.

Congratulations to all of the students involved in this important activity.

WDCA ANNOUNCES PLANS

The WHSFA has been notified that Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association will hold a workshop/practice session of Student Congress at the Tournament of Champions to be held at West Bend East High School January 14, 1989.

Information regarding this event will automatically be sent to all schools that qualify for participation in the T of C. Should you not qualify, but wish to attend, contact Doris Sexton at West Bend East High School.

1988-89 DEBATE RESOLUTION ANNOUNCED

As a result of the national voting on the resolutions regarding aging, the following choice has been made:

Discussion topic will be

Aging: What should the federal government do to enhance the quality of life for United States citizens over age 65?

The specific debate resolution will be:

Resolved: That the federal government should implement a comprehensive program to guarantee retirement security for United States citizens over age 65.

STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT CHANGES

As a result of Board action, the four-speaker and two-speaker tournaments will be held on the same weekend. For 1988-89 those dates will be January 27-28, 1989 at UW-Oshkosh. The low number of state qualifiers in each division allows for this to be possible. It is also hoped that it will also provide a considerable cost savings in transportation and lodging fees for the judges.

Further details will be published in the Debate Handbook as well as in individual mailings to schools in the fall of 1988.

DEBATE TOPIC SELECTION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The National Debate Topic Selection Committee will meet in Traverse City, Michigan on August 5, 6 and 7 to deliberate the choices for the 1989-90 resolution. Mary Torgeson will be attending those sessions as Wisconsin's voting member. If any individuals of the Wisconsin debate community would also like to attend, please contact T. Torgeson at the State Office for further details. Active participation on this committee helps insure that Wisconsin's voice is heard in the selection process.

DEBATE DECISIONS REACHED

As a result of Board action, the following changes in Debate for 1988-89 will be in place:

The District Tournament shall consist of 4 rounds. As a 4-Speaker team accumulates four wins they shall be declared qualified for the State Tournament and will no longer compete in the District meet.

As teams qualify, the tournament director shall schedule rounds for the remaining teams using the following formula:

- Random pairing shall be continued from the first rounds;
- In the event that the results of the pairing yields two teams who have previously met on the same side, the tournament director shall rotate the conflicting team(s) to the next available non-conflicting position;
- Records of individual schools shall not be disclosed to coaches, i.e., a closed tab room, and students until the completion of the tournament;
- The tabulation chair must not be an individual affiliated with the teams involved in the tournament.

This will also result in an increase from three to four wins necessary for advancement to state, as well as an increase from 3-0 to 4-0 for a half team to qualify. Other rules regarding the District Tournament will be modified to conform to these changes.

The intention of these changes is to encourage more schools to enter the District tournament as they will increase the opportunity of qualifying for the State Tournament. More information will be included in the Debate Manual as well as individual mailings.

THEATRE ADVISORY MEETING PLANNED

A July meeting of the Theatre Advisory Committee is currently being planned. Adjudicator lists will be compiled, educational efforts explored and an assessment of the current Handbook will all be agenda items. Please notify the State Office or your sectional representative if you have additional discussion topics.

SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET JUNE 3

The Speech Advisory Committee will convene in an open meeting to be held at Lowell Hall on June 3. Items to be discussed will include articles for inclusion in the 1988-90 Teacher's Handbook, critique/rule items, and responses to requests from membership.

Also to be discussed will be the Headquarters site for the 1988-89 State Speech Contest, method of determining school time assignments, the development of a statement regarding language use in WHSFA presentations, judge adjudication workshops and study of point distribution at the State meet.

STATE SPEECH REFLECTIONS

Mary Torgeson, WHSFA State Office

Going from building to building on the Madison campus can be difficult in even ideal weather conditions. This year's wind, snow, rain and hail did not make attendance at this event any easier. However, there were a number of incidents connected with this year's event that concern me above and beyond inclement weather.

Schools requesting, actually in many situations demanding, Friday night performance times resulted in 316 overloaded sections spread over two time slots compared with 335 evenly divided sections in three time slots on Saturday. The spreading out of schools between two time slots did allow for an even distribution of number of sections and judges, but it also resulted in people remaining at the contest site for a longer period of time. The confusion of traffic, noise, inappropriate behavior, as well as the very disturbing amount of garbage left behind at the Wisconsin Center has resulted in our no longer having either that facility or Lowell Hall available for our use at future contests.

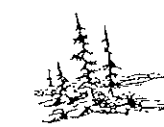
The number of reported incidents of obvious rule violations is also of concern to me. What are we not doing on the first levels of competition that allow for these presentations to reach the state level?

A reported case of sexual harassment, a student "lost" for three hours and two students left on campus necessitating our feeding them and purchasing bus tickets to send them home were additional situations that have given me pause.

Perhaps all of these situations relate directly to coaching and judging ethics, a topic not easily addressed, but one which will be discussed by the Speech Advisory Committee. Any thoughts you have that you wish to share with the State Office or any member of the committee will be welcomed.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Classes in Playwriting, Improvisational Drama, and Storytelling and Story Dramatization will be offered at the 25th anniversary session of the School of the Arts at Rhinelander, July 18-22. A Play Laboratory workshop will use staged readings and informal improvisation to explore the theatrical effectiveness of successful and untried works. Continuing Education Units and Department of Public Instruction Clock Hours may be earned by teachers for these courses. For a brochure, write Gen Lewis, School of the Arts, 610 Langdon, Box 727, Madison, WI 53703.



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Sept. 12, 19, 26

ETN PROGRAMS PLANNED

This workshop will include background information on the skills WHSFA Debate programs aim to foster among the students who participate. Information on the teaching and evaluation of these skills will be featured in the first two sessions, while the third session will zero in on specific resources for this seasons debate resolution:

Oct. 24-Dec. 12

Resolved: That the federal government should implement a comprehensive program to guarantee retirement security for United States citizens over age 65.

Mondays 4:00-5:00 PM. If you find yourself faced with the challenge of coaching and/or judging spring speech events and you have no formal background in Oral Interpretation or Public Speaking, this course offers help. Content is designed to help teachers and coaches teach the skills which students are expected to demonstrate competence in when they make oral presentations (in the classroom or at a forensic festival or contest). We'll get right to the basics. "How does one help students select and prepare appropriate materials for public presentations?" "How does one help students research and develop ideas?" "What sort of delivery is appropriate to the students presentation (vocally and physically)?"

Nov. 12, 1988

Saturday 10:00 am-12:50 pm

&
Jan. 10/17, 1989

Tuesday 4:00-5:00 pm. This course is offered for Junior Division Forensic coaches and evaluators who need the how's and why's of working with middle level students on oral interpretation and public speaking skills. The November session will relate to teaching the skills called for in various types of presentations. These presentations may be prepared for the classroom as well as for festivals and contests. In January the focus will be on help for those who evaluate presentation.

May 3/10, 1989

Directed any good one-acts lately? The challenges created for one who is called upon to direct a show "for the road," will be discussed during these two sessions. The nitty gritty from script selections to the final curtain will be the central focus of this workshop. This program will address the "how to's" for those considering participation in the WHSFA Theatre Festival the following fall.

JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

A special thanks to all the schools who hosted Level I and Level II WHSFA Junior Division Festivals throughout the state. At the close of this season we have 125 schools on our Junior Division mailing list.

If the public and/or private schools in your area with students in grades 6, 7, 8 and/or 9 are not aware of the opportunities provided by WHSFA Junior Division, contact Marty Kaump at the State Office. Marty will be happy to send Junior Division information to interested teachers and/or principals.

Like the Senior Division, the Junior Division Program is a skill based program which reflects the curriculum guidelines for Language Arts Instruction, also used by the Department of Public Instruction.