

EDUCATIONAL TELECONFERENCING PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR JUNIOR DIVISION

COACHING AND JUDGING JUNIOR DIVISION SPEECH FESTIVALS

Session I Saturday, November 14, 1987
10:00AM - 12:50PM

Session II Saturday, January 9, 1988
10:00AM - 12:50PM

Registration Fee:
Members - Free
Nonmembers - \$25.00

The Junior Division events are also specifically related to developing skills which help students fulfill the five communication functions identified in the Curriculum Guide for English and Language Arts published by DPI last year.

This two session workshop will deal with practical help for coach and judges working with forensic students in grades 6, 7, 8 and/or 9.

Like other WHSFA programs, the emphasis of the Junior Division Speech events is on helping participant develop specific communication and language skills through participation in each category.

The first session of this course will focus on the role of coaches in this skill development process and the second session will deal with the contribution made by evaluators.

The programs described here are offered via the Educational Teleconferencing Network. ETN is a statewide audio network which allows interaction between participants in all parts of the state.

These programs are planned to provide useful information for and helpful interaction among persons with varied backgrounds and levels of experience. The common ground from which courses develop is an interest in helping students learn and use communication skill through forensic activities.



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DATES FOR 1987-88

SEPTEMBER		NOVEMBER		FEBRUARY	
14	ETN - Communication Skill Development Through Forensics (8 session series)	2	ETN - Communication Skill Development Through Forensics (final session)	20	Latest Date Junior Division, Level I Speech Festivals
21	ETN - Communication Skill Development, session 2	6-7	District Theatre Festivals		MARCH
25	Speech Advisory Committee Meeting - Madison	7	Speech Workshop, Appleton East	5	Latest Date, Subdistrict Speech
28	ETN - Communication Skill Development, session 3	14	ETN - Coaching and Judging Junior Division Speech Festivals (first of two sessions)	12	Latest Date, Junior Division, Level II Speech Festivals
	OCTOBER	20-21	Sectional Theatre Festivals	26	Latest Date, District Speech
1	Deadline for Theatre Festival play title to District Chair	30	Junior Division Festival Hosts Information due at State Office	30	Deadline "Eligibility Registration Form" for State Speech due at State Office
5	ETN - Communication Skill Development, session 4		DECEMBER		APRIL
9	"Intent to Participate in District Debate" form due at State Office	4-5	State Theatre Festival, UW-Stevens Point	22-23	State Speech Festival UW-Madison
12	ETN - Communication Skill Development, session 5		JANUARY		MAY
19	ETN - Communication Skill Development, session 6	9	Latest Date - District Debate	2	ETN - Theatre Festival Series
24	Latest Date for Theatre Workfest	9	ETN Junior Division (session 2)	4-5	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting, Wisconsin Rapids
26	ETN - Communication Skill Development, session 7	22-23	Four Speaker Debate, UW-Stevens Point	9	ETN - Theatre Festival Series
27-28	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting - Madison	29-30	Two Speaker State Debate, UW-Oshkosh		PLAN AHEAD: Mark your school calendar now with State dates for Theatre, Debate and Speech activities. Consult with your District Chair and members of your Subdistrict groupings to determine on what dates those events will be held. Inform your music and athletic departments of those dates.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

A reminder to all schools who intend to participate in the District debate tournament to return to the State Office your "Intent to Participate" form which was mailed you with the topic selection materials.

If you did not receive this form, but do intend to participate, please notify the State Office immediately.

An apparent change in the number of schools in our various geographic areas may necessitate some reassigning of schools, as a minimum of eight are necessary to conduct a WHSFA District tournament. Thus, it is very important that we know your decision by October 9.

1987-88 NATIONAL TOPIC AFFIRMED

The resolution for 1987-88 was affirmed at the National Federation Topic Selection Committee meeting.

The general problem area is "What changes are needed in United States foreign policy toward Latin America?"

The specific debate proposition is:

Resolved: That the United States should adopt a policy to increase political stability in Latin America.

SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Speech Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, September 25, in Madison, Wisconsin. This is an open meeting to which any of you are invited to attend. If you are considering attending, please call the State Office a day in advance for the location of this meeting.

Agenda items for this meeting will include a review of the categories, and the rules and critique items. This year, 1987-88, is the second year of the current rules and therefore a thorough consideration of what is now in practice with looking to revisions is in order. Any suggestions you have will be most welcome by the committee.

The committee will also discuss the possible addition of a "Student Congress" event, and a committee may be established to study this possibility.

Other issues involve a possible track skill building direction for students involved in our speech events, consideration of where Lincoln/Douglas debate should be located in our series, and the number of entries allowed in the interpretive categories.

Again, any thoughts, concerns or suggestions you have would be greatly appreciated by the committee.

DEBATE TOPIC SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETS

The National Federation Debate Topic selection committee met in Baltimore on August 7, 8 & 9 to deliberate on the possible areas for discussion and debate for 1988-89. From a beginning selection of nine areas, three were eventually chosen for the consideration of all national high schools. The three areas will be Aviation, Aging and Discrimination. The same voting procedure as was conducted last year will be followed, with the choice of topic area only being conducted in December and choice of specific resolution being held in late March.

The three topic areas under consideration for 1988-89 are:

Aviation Policy: How can the United States Civil Aviation best be improved?

The three resolutions deal with increased regulations, national airport policies and increased safety regulations.

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

The three resolutions concern retirement, security, custodial care and long-term health care.

Discrimination: What can the federal government do to decrease discrimination in the United States?

Affirmative action programs, employment discrimination, and discrimination against the disabled are the focus of the resolutions.

Preliminary information regarding these topic areas has been sent to all schools registered for debate.



DEBATE AND SPEECH ADDENDUMS MAILED

The Addendums to the 1986-88 Debate and Speech Handbooks have been mailed to member schools. If you have not received yours, or if you need additional copies, please contact the State Office.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

This Newsletter is mailed to all those on the 1986-87 mailing lists, until the 1987-88 lists are assembled. That's why receiving this issue doesn't necessarily mean that your registration has been received in the State Office for the current school year.

This would be a good time to check with your business personnel to assure that the necessary registration forms have been completed, that the membership fee of \$200.00 has been processed and that both the forms and the fee have been mailed to us.

Be sure to notify the State Office of the names of persons who will be working with activities in Theatre, Debate and Speech this year. Having correct names on updated mailing lists enables us to send needed information to the appropriate persons in a timely manner. Thanks!

COMMUNICATION SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH FORENSICS

8 Sessions

Monday - 4:00 PM - 5:20 PM

September 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2


Fee: \$55.00 per school

Since the mid seventies, WHSFA has used the five communication functions, spelled out in the current DPI English and Language Arts Curriculum Guide, as the basis of the skills development objective for each speech category. The revised, more specific criteria for evaluation which have been in use for the past several years are one manifestation of that focus on skills development.

This ETN Workshop series emphasizes the role forensic coaches and judges can play in the communication skills building process. The series begins with a concrete introduction to the five communication functions: Informing, Controlling, Ritualizing, Sharing Feelings, and Imagining. The subsequent sessions will deal with the language and communication skills needed to fulfill each of these five functions. Finally we'll zero in on which WHSFA Spring Speech categories are specifically targeted to help students develop the skills related to each function.

The workshop series will include a session especially designed to answer those "Buses, Budget and Bureaucracy" questions every beginning coaches needs answers to, first.

The series will close with a session devoted to the challenge of helping students use non-sexist language as they develop presentations in all WHSFA categories.



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THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS CHALLENGE

Much concern has been raised in recent years about the direction of Theatre Education in Wisconsin and WHSFA is among those arts educators who share that concern. The Theatre Advisory Committee has taken up the challenge of answering some of the questions related to "Where do we go from here." Although our Theatre Festival series offers a valuable theatre education experience to students as it has grown and developed over the years, the questions are always "Can we do it better? Can we do more?"

The WHSFA Theatre Advisory Committee set out some time ago to find some of the answers.

As you may recall, last season schools participating in the Theatre series received a survey questionnaire from the Advisory Committee asking for your contribution to "the answers." With those survey results in hand, the Committee rolled up their sleeves and worked hard on your behalf for two long productive days this summer. We think you'll be pleased with the fruits of their labors.

First, in response to the expressed need to identify persons being hired as theatre adjudicators, the development of a list of persons has been proposed. The State Office will ask District Chairs, Sectional Chairs or designated hosts to provide us with names and addresses of all people hired to serve as adjudicators.

In an effort to meet the needs of a diverse membership, the Committee has developed three options to address criticism and production assistance prior to the District Festival:

1. Inform your District Chair that you wish to be assigned to a Subdistrict grouping. (Just as it has been before 1987)
2. Locate an individual yourself, or ask for help from the District Chair, to come to your school and evaluate your production.
3. Take your show directly to District without any previous evaluations.

While participation in a Subdistrict Workfest is no longer mandatory, we encourage you to avail yourself of either option 1 or 2. The Theatre Festival Handbook includes a guide for resource persons to use in working with you and your show.

The Theatre Festival Handbook, with its new look, is the third major outcome of the Advisory Committees summer work session. The new format is designed to provide practical assistance for directors working with students during the Theatre series. It is a How to Book with lots of references and suggestions from directors who have worked through many a production themselves. Copies of the new Theatre Festival Handbook have been mailed to the principals of all WHSFA member schools. If your school has not yet received a copy of the Handbook, please notify the State Office.

The Theatre Advisory Committee will continue to find ways of serving our membership. Your suggestions are always welcome.

BROCHURES MAILED

Watch for your copy of the brochure "1987-88 Wisconsin High School Forensic Association Learning Opportunities" in the mail. The brochure provides more details and registration materials. You may also contact the State Office for more information about continuing education programs offered by WHSFA this year.

WHSFA ETN workshops are approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for teacher certification renewal credit as part of their Clock Hour Equivalency Program. Application should be made to WHSFA after completion of each program.

JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

The WHSFA Junior Division Program offers an opportunity for students in grades 6, 7, 8, and/or 9 to learn and enjoy participating in forensic activities, too.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Junior Division or learning more about WHSFA Junior Forensic activities, contact the State Office. We'll be glad to provide more information and registration materials to those who inquire.

Junior registration cards are due at the State Office November 14, 1987.