

Speech and Drama
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First Nine Weeks - Speech

Speech is an introductory class that covers a full range of speech topics, from different types of interpersonal communication to preparing and presenting speeches. This class will provide you with the most effective techniques and strategies for speaking and communicating. Features of our text, *Glencoe Speech*, include interviews with real people from a variety of occupations who describe how communication is involved in day to day activities.

Student Responsibilities

After having been at the high school for a year now, you should be aware of the responsibilities that accompany being a student at LHS. You should expect occasional homework, whether reading or writing. You are expected to be prepared for class each day which means having a pen or pencil, notebook or binder and homework assignments ready to go. While I understand and sympathize that many of you are busy with sports, band, clubs, family, etc., I will not accept excuses for being unprepared.

Classroom Policies

Attendance: Absences mean that you will miss out on important material; therefore, regular classroom attendance is expected. A good way to find out what you've missed is to ask a fellow classmate. Remember, in the event that you are absent, it is **YOUR** responsibility to check **AFTER SCHOOL** (not before, during, or after class) to see what you have missed. You have **5 SCHOOL DAYS** to do so.

Tardiness: Be in your seat and ready to begin when the bell rings, or be counted tardy. This includes returning from lunch. Being late to class is unacceptable. I will assign one day of detention upon your **3rd** tardy to class. On your **4th** tardy, you will receive two detention days. Please see your LHS Student Handbook if you have questions.

Conduct: This is a speech class, and you will be making presentations as well interacting with your classmates. Be respectful at ALL times. Follow **ALL** classroom and LHS Student Handbook rules. That means no cell phones, food, etc... in my classroom.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is an attempt to pass off someone else's work as your own, whether it is a copied homework assignment or an essay that contains material that contains material copied off of the Internet. Any student caught plagiarizing will receive a **ZERO** for that assignment, and a call will be made to that student's parent or guardian. Please see page 5 of your Student/Parent Handbook for additional information.

Deadlines: For the most part, deadlines are firm. If there is a time you need an extension, please ask me in advance. The night before does not count as "ahead of time," and homework/assignments will not be taken late.

Grading

I grade using a 100 point scale. Please see below for a breakdown:

- First Nine Weeks
 1. daily assignments/homework: 25%
 2. essays, quizzes, tests: 50%
 3. Nine Weeks Test: 25%

Second Nine Weeks – Drama – Content to be distributed

Remember that I am available before or after school (make sure to schedule in advance) if you need assistance with anything.

I am excited to have you in my class and look forward to a fantastic semester!

Speech Content:

Week One – Chapter 1 – Building Responsibility

Week Two – Chapter 2 – Building Confidence

Week Three – Chapter 3 – Listening

Week Four – Chapter 4 – Nonverbal Communication

Week Five – Chapter 5 – Interpersonal Communication

Week Six – Chapter 6 – Interviewing

Week Seven – Chapter 9 – Organizing Your Speech

Week Eight – Chapter 10 – Logic and Reasoning and **Chapter 11** – Effective Language

(Please read, sign, and place in your notebook/folder)

Speech and Drama Expectations

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the expectations in Ms. Rollins' class.

Teacher Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Name (Printed) _____

Student Signature

Date
