

Public Speaking.

Mehlville School District
English Language Arts
Grades 9 - 12, Duration 1 Semester, .5 Credits

Rationale

Public Speaking enables the student to develop poise in informal speaking and formal public speaking. By learning theory, organization, preparation and practice of speech making, the student develops techniques for interpersonal, small group, and public communication skills that are needed for success both in school and in the work world.

Course Description

This course is designed to offer the novice speaker a number of opportunities to organize and prepare public speaking and oral interpretation assignments. The student will develop poise and confidence before an audience. The student will learn about the role of communication in our lives, the communication model, spatial relationships, delivery styles, and the effectiveness of language, gestures, and organization techniques. The student will be encouraged to participate in competitive speech tournaments, requiring time after school. This course may only be taken one time.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites: None

Open to: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credit: $\frac{1}{2}$; Unit - One Semester (English Language Arts)

Course Objectives

1. The student will understand audience adaptation.
2. The student will develop verbal and nonverbal communication skills through a variety of presentations (A+ Speaking and Listening).
3. The student will evaluate visual and oral communications through discussions and presentations.
4. The student will organize speeches containing effective introductions, main points, and conclusions.
5. The student will develop confidence and poise in oral communication through a variety of speaking opportunities.
5. The student will make strategic use of digital media in at least one presentation.
6. The student will create and deliver at least one effective speech with limited or no preparation (A+ Writing).
7. The student will demonstrate effective research techniques, such as reputable online resources, databases, and journals (A+ Research).
8. The student will read and analyze print and online resources for the development of topics (A+ Reading).

BOE Approved: 12/14/17