

COMPETITIVE EVENTS IN A NUTSHELL

Dramatic Events

Dramatic Interpretation - Students memorize and perform a serious selection from a play or literature without benefit of props or costumes in ten minutes or less.

Humorous Interpretation - Students memorize and perform a humorous selection from a play or literature without benefit of props or costume in ten minutes or less.

Poetry Interpretation - Students perform no more than ten minutes of poetry. This may consist of one or multiple selections.

Duo Interpretation - Students perform a cutting from a play or literature with two actors in ten minutes or less.

Forensic Events

Original Oratory - Students write and memorize an original speech, persuasive in nature, with a ten-minute time limit.

Extemporaneous Speaking – (International or National) Students choose one of three possible topics and are then given thirty minutes to write an informative or persuasive speech no longer than seven minutes.

Cross-Examination Debate - Students must divide into teams of two and prepare to debate both sides of the year's proposition which recommends a change in policy.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Individual students prepare to debate both sides of a proposition which deal with opposing values.

Public Forum Debate – Students debate contemporary issues in teams of two.

Student Congress - Students debate proposed bills in a “house” or “senate” setting using parliamentary procedure.