

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

COMPONENT	OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCY
I Speaking Forums	<ol> <li>Writes a bill or resolution using correct format for student congress.</li> <li>Participates in class student congress as presiding officer, and as a representative giving both an affirmative and negative speech on different bills/resolutions.</li> <li>Writes and presents, in a classroom debate, both the affirmative and negative case for a L-D (Lincoln-Douglas), policy, or LCID (Limited Current Issue Debate).</li> <li>Presents a choice of an individual event; i.e., 7-10 minute oral interpretation, duo interpretation, dramatic or interpretation, original oratory, or a 5-7 minute extemporaneous speech.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. The student can master the format, mechanics, and rules of a session of student congress.</li> <li>B. The student can master the format and elements of L-D debate, policy debate, and LCID.</li> <li>C. The student can demonstrate the mastery of performing an interpretive selection, oration, or an extemporaneous speech.</li> </ul>
II Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication	<ol> <li>Demonstrates an ability to vocally interpret written material fluently, distinctly, and expressively.</li> <li>Incorporates and evaluates effective gestures, facial expressions, and body movement in speech activities.</li> <li>Practices and evaluates good listening skills.</li> </ol>	A. The student can demonstrate mastery of voice production, the elements of nonverbal communication, and listening skills.
III Research	<ol> <li>Uses high-quality evidence.</li> <li>Uses ethics in research.</li> <li>Properly records and files evidence cards.</li> <li>Writes to places and sources for materials on a particular issue.</li> </ol>	A. The student can use advanced research and documentation techniques in speech and debate activities.



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IV Organization	<ol> <li>Uses various introductions in speech and debate activities.</li> <li>Uses appropriate structure in the body of a speech or debate.</li> <li>Flows a L-D (Lincoln-Douglas) debate, a policy debate, and a limited current issue debate LCID (Limited Current Issue Debate).</li> <li>Role plays the process of registration for a forensics tournament.</li> <li>Schemes individual events for a forensics tournament.</li> <li>Pairs debate teams for a forensics tournament.</li> <li>Writes a table sheet of ranks and points using the master ballot.</li> <li>Schedules timekeepers for various events.</li> <li>Simulates the acquisition, training, and assignment of judges.</li> <li>Role plays an awards assembly.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. The student can use appropriate introductions for any speech activity.</li> <li>B. The student can use appropriate structure in any speech activity.</li> <li>C. The student can exhibit mastery in the use the of flow charts for any debate.</li> <li>D. The student can role-play the development of a forensics tournament.</li> </ul>
V Analysis and Reasoning	<ol> <li>Demonstrates reasoning and analysis in student congress, L-D (Lincoln-Douglas) debate, policy debate, and LCID (Limited Current Issue Debate).</li> <li>Constructs and analyzes fallacious arguments.</li> </ol>	A. The student can construct affirmative and negative debate cases and student congress agenda speeches using appropriate analysis and reasoning techniques.
VI Critique	<ol> <li>Assists and advises novice speakers in a variety of speech/debate activities.</li> <li>Identifies and overcomes weaknesses in his/her own performance.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. The student can evaluate his/her own and other student's performances.</li> <li>B. The student can mentor other students in the classroom preparation and performance of any speech or debate activity.</li> </ul>



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VII Personal/Social Development	<ol> <li>Exerts a high level of effort.</li> <li>Demonstrates a realistic and positive view of himself/herself.</li> </ol>	A. The student can participate in all speech, debate, and interpretation activities and contribute to the efforts of the program.
	<ol> <li>Demonstrates friendliness, assertiveness, adaptability, empathy, and politeness in classroom activities.</li> <li>Exhibits interest in what others say and do.</li> <li>Exhibits civic personal and social responsibility.</li> </ol>	B. The student can apply the principles of appropriate personal behavior and appropriate behavior toward peers in any speech or debate situation.
VIII Roles/Careers	1. Discusses and presents information to incoming students and/or novices about the relationship between good communication skills and various careers.	A. The student can mentor other students in the significance of possessing good communication skills in a variety of careers.