

ASD 2020-2021 Speech Track Plan

Alyssa Febres and Loren Doby are our speech coaches this year. Both were top NCFCA competitors and both have coached in clubs and camps in the past.

(see their bios here: <https://atlanticspeechanddebate.weebly.com/coaches.html>)

Both coaches are students at Regent University. Due to their class schedule, our speech classes will take place after debate classes.

- During the first 4 weeks (9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1) they will teach **Speech Intro**, which will help speakers of all experience levels.
 - The 9/10 session is a speech overview to introduce the different types of speeches.
 - The remaining 3 sessions will cover interpretive, platform, and limited prep in more detail.
 - Coach Dylan will also teach a course on script polishing during this month.
- After Speech Intro, students will select what category/categories they plan to participate in. This will allow us to plan out the rest of the semester. Though students might change their minds later, this will show us which categories to focus on throughout the year. Also, based on demand, we will decide whether to add Apologetics and/or Extemporaneous. If we do add these, they will be offered at a different time via Zoom if they can't fit in on Thursday nights.
- After Speech Intro, club meetings will consist of special talks and student practices. Depending on the development of the pandemic, some club meetings will be held virtually over Zoom. The December meetings will be held virtually, since both coaches will be home for early Christmas break due to their school's Covid schedule.
- There are no required materials to purchase for the speech track. If coaches have printouts, they will be provided by the club. Both NCFCA and Stoa may have recommended resources listed on their website, but they are not required by the club.
- **The first and crucial assignment** speech students should complete is to write their speeches, and to have them completed as early as they can— **by December at the latest**. The second component would be to refine their speeches and practice their delivery for the remaining of the year through getting feedback from coaches and parents.
- Students can choose to participate in tournaments held by either NCFCA or Stoa, or both. **Families will need to obtain the membership (i.e. family affiliation) directly from these leagues** in order for their students to compete. Though having NCFCA or Stoa family membership is not a requirement to participate in our club meetings, **it is highly recommended** that families obtain these memberships as soon as possible for two reasons:
 - Membership will grant families access to the league's library resources (particularly NCFCA), which contains the League Handbook for the current season (very important!!), the updated ballot samples, and many more valuable member resources and benefits (e.g. Office Depot discount card, the

homeschooler's best "friend" 😊). Our club cannot photocopy and distribute the League Handbook to our families.

- Some Stoa qualifying tournaments allow contestants without Stoa membership, but Stoa regionals and national will require Stoa membership. ALL NCFCA tournaments require contestants to have NCFCA membership. Both leagues offer discounts to encourage early affiliation. Please visit each league's website for the latest info.
- <https://www.ncfca.org/join/affiliation-benefits/league-affiliation/family-affiliation/>
- <https://stoausa.org/events/membership-registration/>