

LIBERTY LIBERAL ARTS ACADEMY
Speech and Communication
A Required Class for IL High School Graduation

Teacher: Ms. Anna Johansen

Age: High School

Teacher Compensation: \$225.00 per student per year. Payable in 9 Monthly Installments of \$25.00

Required Materials: On the first day of class, each student will need:

1. Notebook for note-taking
2. Folder for handouts

Class Description:

“The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.” – George Jessel

Speaking in front of an audience isn’t something that comes naturally to most people—yet it’s a crucial skill to obtain. Having the ability to present your ideas in a confident, compelling way will affect nearly every area of life.

In this class, students will learn the basics of communication through a variety of speech types—interpretive, platform, and limited preparation, focusing on the categories presented by the National Christian Forensics and Communication Association (NCFCA). We’ll cover various techniques of vocal presentation, physical presentation, characterization, rhetoric, speech structure/organization, etc.

Students will implement these skills as they write and present their own speeches, in addition to participating in in-class drills and exercises.

This class satisfies the IL State Board of Education for a high school “writing intensive” class.

Class goals:

1. To equip students with basic and advanced speaking skills, pushing them outside their comfort zones to a higher level of communication.
2. To prepare students for competition in the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA).