

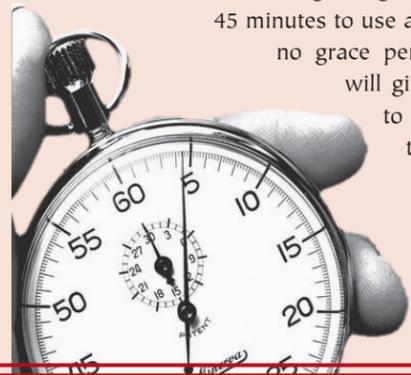


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“Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence.”

One Act Time Limit to Change in 2012

The Board of Control at the Fall Board Meeting approved the request from the Theatre Advisory to change the time limit in One Act Play Festivals. The past practice was that a school had 35 minutes of playing time with a 30 second grace period and 5 minutes for set up and 5 minutes for strike. The new ruling will give the schools a total of 45 minutes to use any way they wish with no grace period. The new ruling will give directors the ability to use more script time if they have little set up or strike requirements.



WHSFA Theatre Director Hall of Fame

Thursday, November 17, 2011, prior to the Showcase Performance of Waterford Union High School's *The Torch Bearers* WHSFA will introduce the inaugural class of inductees into it's newly created Director's Hall of Fame. The inductees come from all over the state and have run successful theatre programs for a number of years.

Judge Certification Program Changes

Beginning the 2012-2013 School year, judges will be able to recertify every three years by taking a test and recertify every six years by retaking an Adjudication class for a reduced cost.



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Showcase Schools Selected

Thank you to all the schools that submitted their productions for consideration for the State Theatre Festival 2011. It was a difficult choice as usual. After conferring with the University of Wisconsin – Madison the two school selected to showcase their productions were Appleton North High School and Waterford Union High School. Waterford Union High

School will be presenting *The Torch Bearers* by George Kelly on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 8 p.m. The *Torch Bearers* is Kelly's 1922 satire of community theatre. The play is directed by Trudianne Thom. Appleton North will present *The Phantom of the Opera* for two performances on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The musical is directed by Ron Parker.

New This Year: Signing Up for State Speech Time Slots

This year you will not receive a post card to mail in to the State Office for your State Speech Time Slot. Instead you will select your time on the web site. You will go to the Speech Tab and pull down. You will click on “Book a

Spot for State”. If the spot you would like is full, it will tell you to select another spot. You will receive a reservation confirmation when you are done. The site will open on November 1, 2011.

Offensive Language and Topics Discussed by Middle Level Advisory

At their annual meeting in July, the Middle Level Advisory discussed a situation that arose last year when a student did a speech that was offensive to certain minorities. The sources the student cited were biased. Although this

was an isolated incident, the Advisory thought that should be discussed. The Advisory decided that a policy would not be necessary but that the host should be given the power to handle it locally.

Board of Control Welcomes New District Chairs

Abbi Wills-Phillips, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, has been elected to Chair District 5 for the next three years. Abbi has been instrumental in working with the WHSFA scheduling system and spent her summer working on a handbook for running the new scheduling system. WHSFA would like to give a special thank you to Mike Close who has been chairing District 5.

Mark Kohl, Lodi High School, has been appointed for one year to replace retiring Charlie Krupa. Mark has been a member of the Speech Advisory. WHSFA will miss retiring District 8 Chair and Chair of the Board of Control Charlie Krupa. Thank you Charlie for all your wisdom.

BOARD OF CONTROL

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Middle Level Category Changes

The Middle Level Advisory selected the topic of Media Violence for Extemporaneous Speaking for the 2011-2012 school year.

The specific questions are:

- How does media violence affect teenagers?
- Describe different forms of media violence, and explain where it is found in today's society.
- Does the use of websites like Twitter or Facebook have positive, or harmful, repercussions?
- Video games and music have ratings – why?
- Should schools allow students to bring cell phones and iPods to school? Why or why not?
- How do movie ratings affect the movies shown in your school? Your home?
- Harry Potter books/movies have violent themes – is that a bad thing?
- What *can/should* parents do to prevent their children from being affected by media violence?
- Should our federal government do more, or less, to control media violence? Explain.

The Special Occasion topics are:

- **Address the Board of Education:** Present your viewpoint on cuts to co-curricular/extra curricular activities.
- **Address to the Student Council:** How can your school “Go Green.”
- **Speech to motivate or encourage.**
- **Speech to nominate someone/group to the “Music Hall of Fame” (living or dead).**
- **Presenting a tribute to your Grandparent(s).**
- **Presenting a Video Review:** You are presenting your review of a video to a three member teacher panel who will make a selection of a video to be show in the auditorium to your grade level class.
- **The Moments in History** topic will be **The Decade of the 1960s.**

Speech Category Changes for the 2011-2012 School Year

MOMENTS IN HISTORY – The Decade of the 1960s

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Terrorism:

To what extent, if any, has recent US Military involvement made the world a safer place?

Nuclear Power:

In light of the nuclear disaster in Japan, what, if any, should be the future of nuclear power in the United States?

Fine Arts Programming:

Given the current state budget crisis, to what extent, if any, should Wisconsin public schools continue to fund fine arts classes?

On-line and/or Charter Schools:

What should be the role of on-line and/or charter schools in public education?

SPECIAL OCCASION SPEECH

A Docent Presentation at a Library or Museum:

You have volunteered to act as a docent at your local library or museum for a special event (i.e. Youth Art Month, visiting exhibit, etc.).

Testimony at a Local Government Body:

You are to speak before a Wisconsin Governmental regulatory agency concerning a policy.

Presentation to a Local Organization:

You are to present your school's “Go Green” initiative to a local organization.

History Day Event:

You are to analyze a significant speech at a history day event. The presentation must include excerpts from the speech within your analysis.

Graduation Speech:

You have been elected to present a speech at the class of 2012's graduation.

STORYTELLING

A story from American heartland

A story about a fool

A story with puns or other word play

A story about overcoming heartbreak or sadness

Speech Allows 12 Entries between Prose, Poetry and Farrago

During the 2011 speech season, schools were allowed to have 12 entries between Prose Reading, Poetry Reading and Farrago. There seemed to be some confusion about the rule change. A school, under the new rule, could enter four students in Poetry Reading; four students in Prose Reading and four students in Farrago. Some coaches thought they could use those 12 entries any way they would like. For example, they could enter six in Poetry and six in Prose. The rule clearly reads a total of four in each category not to exceed 12 entries total.

Speech Advisory Considered District Concerns



The Speech Advisory discussed items that came as concerns to the Board of Control. One of the districts wanted to know if they could enter more than one team in the State Speech Festival. After a long discussion it was decided the Speech Advisory would survey the membership to see if this was of great interest to the member schools.

The Speech Advisory also discussed increasing the number of entries allowable in Play Acting and Group Interpretation to six total entries. The Speech Advisory sent that to the Board of Control who decided to change the number of entries in Play Acting and Group Interpretation for the 2012-2013 school year. The Board decided that a school could enter a total of six groups (not to exceed four in either category). A school choosing to enter more than four entries (up to six) between these categories must register **as a team** for one of the Saturday time slots at the State Speech Festival.

State Speech Judge Requirement to change in 2012

When you register your team this year, you will find that the number of required judges has changed. This year 1 – 9 entries will require you to provide one judge, 10 –19 entries two judges, and 20 plus entries three judges.

NFHS Proposed Debate Topic Areas and Resolutions for 2012-2013

At the NFHS annual Topic Selection Meeting in Denver this past summer, the state representatives from all over the United States narrowed the topics from nine to five which all coaches get to vote on. Schools who are not voting through the WDCA should send an email listing all the topic areas with your rank order of preference using 1-5, with 1 being best to the State Office. The two areas receiving the lowest totals will be placed on the second ballot to select the 2012-2013 debate topic. Your ranking is due in to Chuck (director@whsfa.org) by October 22nd to be counted. Make sure you give your name and school. Schools belonging to WHSFA and WDCA will only be given one vote per school.

1. CIVIL RIGHTS

Resolved: The United States federal government should amend Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, substantially increasing its protections against race and/or gender discrimination.

2. INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States.

3. IMMIGRATION

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its legal protection of economic migrants in the United States.

4. ENTITLEMENT REFORM

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially limit the growth of its Medicare and/or Social Security spending.

5. HIGHER EDUCATION

Resolved: The United States federal government should establish an education policy substantially increasing its support for postsecondary education in the United States.

Middle Level has New Advisor

Dr. Emily Long of Carroll University has agreed to be the Advisor to Middle Level. Dr. Long has been at Carroll University in the Education Department for many years. Her area of expertise is child development and children's literature.

