



DIALOGUES

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WHAT IS DIALOGUES?

teachspeech: Dialogues seeks to provide a basic understanding of the art of rhetoric to middle school and high school students. A “Dialogue” is a two-hour public workshop event, held by students for students in cities around the country. Such seminars will effectively introduce to students public speaking concepts applicable to daily life such as the oral presentation, interview preparation, the persona of an effective speaker, and the historical/technical groundings of rhetoric. As of July 2018, teachspeech has hosted ten test dialogues across four states, engaging over five hundred students between the physical workshops and digital testing of the curriculum. Now, with the experience and resources necessary, Dialogues is expanding nationally, allowing passionate students to host local workshops with support from teachspeech’s national staff.

WHY IS DIALOGUES NECESSARY?

In the changing plane of education, districts have deprioritized public speaking education, relegating these fundamental skills into overscheduled English classes or extracurriculars. As the opportunities to attain public speaking skills diminish, teachspeech seeks to fill the gap and expand upon the rhetorical education available through workshops. Its curriculum, time-tested and developed by leaders in competitive speech & debate, offers passionate students a foundation upon which to educate their peers. By focusing on youth leadership and instruction, teachspeech: Dialogues offers workshop attendees a relatable teacher, an educational mentor, and a network of communal support to develop their public speaking prowess.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO ORGANIZE A DIALOGUES WORKSHOP?

To organize a teachspeech: Dialogues event, prospective instructors must fill out an initial application form (Link: <https://bit.ly/2uiZu5q>) that examines their prior experience and passion for public speaking. If they are approved, they will be required to complete an online course on organizing a workshop and participate in a phone interview with either teachspeech’s National President or National Dialogues Chair. teachspeech eases the process of organizing a Dialogue by providing pre-designed instructor and student handouts and supplemental materials on how to teach specific segments of the workshop. teachspeech is committed to offering the highest quality of support in the logistics of hosting a workshop and will certify all hours contributed by instructors and their organizational team. We hope you’ll join us in amplifying student voices!