



TIPS

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WHAT IS TEACHSPEECH: TIPS?

teachspeech: tips is a multifaceted content portfolio that crowdsources speech & debate wisdom from competitors (new and former), professionals and coaches across the nation. The content, collected in both one-page word processing documents and one-minute videos, offers key tricks and tips for both specific events and the fundamentals of competition to incentivize equity across the speech & debate community. The portfolio aims to increase accessibility and visibility for competitors who have the passion, but not the resources to make their dreams of public speaking success a reality. All can access, contribute to, and share the content portfolio, and submissions can be made beginning July 30th.

WHY IS TEACHSPEECH: TIPS NECESSARY?

Across the speech & debate community, high-powered private coaches and camps can offer well-resourced speakers and debaters a nearly insurmountable advantage in competition. This power dynamic extends to programs, as larger, better-resourced programs build stronger coaching infrastructure which manifests in better results. For competitors without the means to attend camps or dynastic programs, training comes solely from coaches and older students who might not have the experience to jumpstart a speaker's career. Thus, teachspeech: tips, a collection of advice from those who have the experience and desire to offer aid to all competitors, irrespective of their team or affiliation, aims to close the gap for competitors who have already been left at the starting line. Regardless, of one's socioeconomic status, location, or identity, teachspeech: tips wants to give everyone the opportunity to have a great debate.

HOW WILL TEACHSPEECH: TIPS FUNCTION?

teachspeech: tips will accept submissions starting on July 30th (Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/KKELMVRmdJamtXn23>) of one-page or one-minute videos explaining a drill, exercise, or a piece of advice on competing. The explanation should give the premise of the drill, an example, and any supplemental advice to offer clarity on the drill. Upon review, the exercises will be added to a content portfolio, which will be universally available starting on August 13th. Select tips will also be featured on teachspeech's Facebook and Instagram. The content portfolio will remain open year-round for contributions and feedback. Contributors from all backgrounds, with any event experience are encouraged to submit their tips and join the conversation.