**MADISON HIGH SCHOOL**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Students participating in the speech curriculum will develop skills which will enable them to communicate with the oral and written word with emphasis on public speaking. Students will achieve proficiency in the following areas: critical thinking, speech writing, active listening, and timed speaking. Students will achieve mastery in the areas of persuasion through reasoning and logical thinking, organization through research and development of a written speech, evaluation through effective language, and self-expression through verbal and non-verbal communication.

**UNITS OF STUDY:**

Famous speech Oral interpretation

Courtesy speeches Group communication

Interviews Debate

Informative speech Speech vocabulary

Persuasion projects

**SUPPLIES:**

Standard size three-ring binder; 1 inch

Loose leaf paper

Index cards (lined) 4X6 (several packages)

Pen and pencil

Highlighters

**TEXTBOOK:**

*Speech: Communication Matters* (McCutcheon, Schaffer, Wycoff) 2nd edition

\*\*Textbooks will not be issued to students. We will use the textbook in the classroom only.

**GRADING:**

Test (individual presentations) (60%): Grades in this category will include individual presentations.

Note: Major presentations will count as two or three grades.

Other grades (30%): Grades in this category will include the following:

Group presentations, note-taking, listening, class participation, group communication, in-class research, in-class speech writing, general preparation, student evaluations of peers, self-evaluations, audience etiquette, quizzes

Note: Major group presentations will count as two grades.

Homework (10%): Grades in this category will include the following assignments that

are completed at home:

research, speech drafts, practice, general homework assignments

**GRADING SCALE:**

A 90 – 100

B 80 - 89

C 70 - 79

D 60 - 69

F 0 - 59

**FIRST NINE WEEKS:**

Paper bag speeches

Quote speeches

Speech vocabulary (throughout semester)

Famous speeches

Interviews (throughout semester)

Courtesy speeches

Group communication (throughout semester)

Informative speeches

**SECOND NINE WEEKS**:

Informative speeches

Oral interpretation

Interviews (throughout semester)

Group communication (throughout semester)

Speech vocabulary (throughout semester)

Persuasion projects

Debate

**FINAL EXAM:**

The final exam is a comprehensive test covering all vocabulary units from the semester.