

ARGUMENT
"You say your case, and it has your core value. And your criterion which is like your values and then you have contentions,"
ALYSSA HOWARD (9) said.

BALLOT
"It means that after your round, the judges write how well you did, what you can improve on, and what you did good,"
CAT RANGEL (12) said.



CONGRESSIONAL
"A congressional in speech and debate is a mock congress where you run through how congress debates bills and things that should be on a state voting ballot,"
LELA DWORAK (10) said.

DRAMA
"Drama in Speech and Debate is a dramatic interpretation that focuses on a student's ability to convey emotion through the use of acting and dramatic texts and interpretation,"
CLAIRE SANCHEZ (10) said.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING
"Extemporaneous speaking is where you make a really quick speech on the spot. You choose one of the three questions you are given, then you have 30 minutes to write, and deliver a seven minute speech,"
LUKE RIDDLE (12) said.

FORENSICS
"Forensics is the official term for speech and debate, its called the National Forensics League. And so forensics is essentially the art of speaking on a competitive level,"
COLTON KOMINSKI (11) said.

GRACE PERIOD
"It's where basically if you go over your designated time for a speech, you have this time, I'm pretty sure it's like 30 extra seconds, where you can keep talking, but once you've passed that time then you're cut off,"
GRACE SHELLEN (10) said.

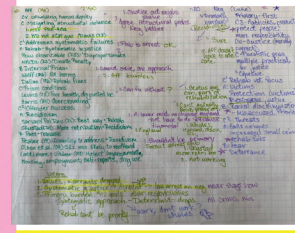
HUMOR
"The best way to describe it for speech and debate, would really just be silly kids doing silly things,"
RIAH BELCAMINO (11) said.

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING
"Informative speaking is like an original oratory, it is the same amount of time it still has to be memorized. However, it is not argumentative and you have to have a visual aid. And usually the goal of informative speaking is to inform on current events or just something that interests you,"
EVELYN DAVIS (10) said.

JUDGE
"It sort of depends. In a typical debate round there's usually one judge, but sometimes if it's like a finals round, or more important round there's more judges. But and then in like speech events, there's usually one judge for preliminary rounds and like three judges for later,"
LELA DWORAK (10) said.

KEY POINTS
"At the end of every debate, you have to go over the main points of the round, usually there is three or four. You just go over each of the points and why your side is better than those points,"
JONATHAN HOWARD (10) said.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS
"Lincoln Douglas is basically a one on one philosophy based debate. So you have a subject or resolution that you are arguing, and then you'd write cases for both sides, then you're giving a side and then you debate it with them,"
NATALIE BRENNNA (9) said.



POWER **M**ATCHING
"Power matching is basically a bracket. You go into your first round and debate with your opponent, then depending on if you win or lose you go into the corresponding bracket and debate with someone that has the same record as you,"
LUKE RIDDLE (12) said.

NATIONALS
"The national tournament you can only qualify at like district level. We are in the Rocky Mountain North District. We usually get about two qualifiers at each event,"
BEN HOWARD (12) said.

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ORIGINAL ORATORY
"Your speech has to be seven minutes minimum. Your maximum is 10 you get a 30 second grace period, and you have to have it memorized if you want to place,"
GRACE SHELLEN (10) said.

PUBLIC FORUM
"Public forum is basically partners in a debate, and the both of you get a change to argue at different points, and it's mostly rooted in philosophy,"
EVELYN DAVIS (10) said.

QUESTIONING
"During a debate, its like a period where you have to like analyze individuals and catch them off their guard,"
RIAH BELCAMINO (11) said.

REBUTTAL
"Rebuttal is when you attack the other person's case and also defend your own case, and like ensuring that everyone else knows that I'm right,"
COLTON KOMINSKI (10) said.



STATE
"There's no specific qualification other than your school has a maximum of four in each event and they just choose who they think is the best for each of those events,"
BEN HOWARD (12) said.

CCROSS **E** **X**AMINATION
"Cross examination is basically when you can ask the other opponents questions about their case. And we use those answers that the opponent provides to write our rebuttal after our original case,"
CLAIRE SANCHEZ (10) said.

TAB ROOM
"Tab room is like the online website that you use to sign up for tournaments and it tells you what rounds you have to go to,"
JONATHAN HOWARD (10) said.



UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT
"It would be a tournament at University High School,"
CAT RANGEL (12) said.

VOTING
"Judges vote for a few things. If you're in a debate, and they think you win the round, or if you didn't, and how well you are speaking and how clear and concise your thoughts were,"
NATALIE BRENNNA (9) said.



WPM (words per minute)
"So you're just putting a bunch of points out really quickly, but I mean, it's fast talking pretty much explains itself,"
BEN HOWARD (12) said.

YELLING
"Yelling is an interesting technique you can use in debate by just essentially yelling over your opponents in order for your main idea to get across instead of theirs,"
COLTON KOMINSKI (10) said.

ZEST
"For zest I feel it's just like putting a little spin on your speaking, or the delivery of your points,"
LELA DWORAK (10) said.

