

Speech, Debate, and Forensics: Connection to KS-ELA Standards



Kansas

Standards and Course Expectations

Speech, Debate, and Forensics connect to the Kansas ELA Standards for Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening. Teachers can utilize our KSELA standards to guide their instruction in the Speech, Debate, and Forensics classroom and to lay a foundation for mastery learning in their content area.

Standards you might consider (but are not limited to) when mapping your speech, debate, or forensics curriculum include:

- W1, W2, W4, W7, W8, W9, W10
- SL1, SL2, SL3, SL4, SL6, SL7, SL8
- RI1, RI5, RI6, RI7, RI8, RI9, RI10, RI12

As you plan your curriculum for speech, debate, and/or forensics, you might also consider the following:

- Does your course meet the applicable criterion for curricular relevance as laid out in our state KESA guidelines?
- Does your course meet the KSHSAA requirements for speech and debate?
- What other standards might lend themselves to your curriculum?
 - Social-Emotional Character Development
 - Theatre

Outside Resources

National Speech and Debate Association

National Forensic Association

Arkansas Department of Education: ELA page; reference Course Descriptions for Debate, Forensics, and Oral Communications

Florida Department of Education: see 'Florida's Instructional Materials Specifications' for Speech and Debate

Texas Education Agency: see Subchapter C. High School; reference pages 59-67

Idaho Department of Education: 'Idaho Standards for Speech and Debate Teachers' pages 37-39

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