

7th GRADE CONT. ISSUES (SPEECH & DEBATE) SYLLABUS

Mr. Franz Hill – Room 311 – R1 Conference Period

Welcome to Contemporary Issues or 7th Grade Speech & Debate. This year you will spend time preparing for and competing at tournaments, as well as engaging in units that expand your knowledge of current events and improve your speaking and critical thinking skills. This is the year where you prepare to be the leaders for next year!

NORMS

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be productive
- Be neat
- Use the tech responsibly

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

- Review events and guidelines – “Shake Off The Rust”
- Tournaments and Non-Participants
- Impromptu Speaking
- Original Oratory
- Briefs on Domestic and International Issues
- “Presidentations”
- Do Your Own Lesson

SUPPLIES

- Pen or pencil
- Composition notebook
- Folder or binder for debate
- Other materials as assigned

GRADING

Quizzes – 15%

Classwork/Tournament Prep – 35%

Tests/Projects/Presentations – 40%

Homework – 10%

TOURNAMENTS

The sheer majority of the tournaments we compete in will be high school tournaments. Most are online, some are in person.