

The Edge Speech and Debate Club

Junior-Only Parent Responsibilities

Participation in our Junior Speech Club lays the foundation for public speaking in a variety of forums. For us to cover the maximum amount of information in the allotted time-frame, we need wholehearted parental participation. The club will run much more smoothly, and our students will learn more effectively if we all understand the expectations.

If your oldest child participating in *The Edge* is between ages 8 and 11, please review this list of requirements and initial your agreement on the Application Form.

1. A parent of each student must actively participate in club meetings with their student. Parents are the primary coaches of their students. At the meetings parents will learn alongside their students, help present new ideas and skills, and also give feedback to all students about their speeches. Even if you are not experienced with public speaking, your input is valuable because we are training our students to communicate with a wide variety of people.
2. Parents help their students complete assignments on time.
3. Junior-Only parents (those whose oldest child participating in *the Edge* is between 8 and 11) are expected to arrive on time, sign in with their children, and remain in the classroom with their Junior Club student.
4. Younger siblings may entertain themselves quietly in the same room with electronic devices (they must remain silent), coloring books or other quiet activities. Younger siblings should be able to sit quietly and independently for one hour at a time.
5. As Christians called to be peacemakers and encouragers, parents need to extend grace often, model Biblical conflict resolution, and ensure that feedback given to students, coaches, and/or other parents is gentle and honest.
6. Dress code for club meetings is junior casual which means no athletic shoes or flip-flops. Even with this relaxed dress code, we do expect all students to adhere to modesty and decency. Young ladies should be mindful of their skirt lengths and all students should avoid form-fitting clothes. As parents, we are serving as models for our students, so we do ask parents to be mindful of the dress code and do their best to serve as models for our young people.

Thank you for committing to this venture with your student. We look forward to serving you and serving with you.