

***The Edge* Speech and Debate Club**

Parent Responsibilities

Running a speech and debate club is a lot of work and we can't do it without wholehearted parental participation. Would you please review this list of requirements? Don't worry—we have a list of requirements for your student to review too! The club will run much more smoothly and our students will learn more if we all understand the expectations.

1. A parent must participate in club meetings with their student/s. At the meetings parents will learn alongside their student(s) and give feedback to students about their speeches and debates. Since we are training our students to communicate with a wide variety of people, our students need feedback from both people who are inexperienced and experienced in public speaking. You may also be asked to serve in some other capacity such as helping to set up chairs or serve refreshments, or be a zoom camera monitor.
2. Families who join *The Edge* must affiliate with the National Christian Forensics & Communications Association. Information is available at www.ncfca.org.
3. Parents help their student(s) complete assignments on time. Club activities often build off the assignments, so everyone loses a little when a student is unprepared.
4. Parental participation in our area's tournament is mandatory. We need at least one parent from your family to participate in all of the following tournament activities:
 - A. Recruit community judges. We'll provide materials and tips to help you do that.
 - B. Assist in getting ready for the tournament. We will do our best to give you duties that fit your gifts and energy level.
 - C. Be on-site at the tournament for the entire time that the tournament is running (typically all day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).
5. Parents need to extend grace often, model Biblical conflict resolution, and give gentle and honest feedback.
6. Please help our students adhere to the dress code by dressing in business casual attire.

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