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## Program and Class Descriptions

### Beginner Program

#### Art of Public Speaking

This course prepares students for a variety of academic and non-academic situations in which public speaking is required. Topics will include cultural conventions and speech, perceptions of others, verbal and nonverbal messages, and techniques of oral presentation and persuasion. Students will learn how to research, outline, and deliver short, formal and informal presentations as well as longer speeches. Students should expect to write for homework to deliver speeches in class. (Impromptu, Storytelling/Declamation, SPAR/debate, Original Narrative)

#### Art of Communication

Art of communication students will study basic communication processes like nonverbal communication, perception, and listening skills, as well as communication in various contexts, including conflict resolution, networking, argumentation and critical thinking, presentation and interview skills. This class will utilize an applied model of lecture, practice and project based presentation to teach students to utilize communication for everything from active listening in everyday communication, classroom presentation, college preparation and long term interview and interpersonal skill building. Through this course students will have a better understanding and awareness of the role of communication in their own life.

#### Little Orators Essentials A & B

Boost your child's confidence, communication skills, and overall self-esteem with our year-long skill-building course for students in grades 1-3. Divided into two parts, Part A and Part B, our comprehensive program ensures a solid foundation and continuous growth.

Part A covers essential beginner concepts, such as speech structure and creativity.

Part B takes those skills to the next level with critical thinking and analysis.

Working together, both parts synergistically boost confidence and prepare young orators to explore competitive events and embark on their journey into the world of speech and debate. With a solid foundation, your child will have the tools and confidence to succeed academically and beyond.

Join our program today and watch your child thrive as a confident and effective communicator.

*\*Note: Little Orator Essentials Part B requires students to complete Little Orator Essentials Part A first.*

### Intermediate/Advanced Programs

#### Little Orator (Interpretation)

This course is designed to empower young speakers with the ability to express themselves, connect with their audience, and become empathetic listeners.

In this course, specially crafted for competitive-minded students, your child will dive into the world of literature (analysis and comprehension), vocabulary, and the art of delivery. They'll discover how to convey their emotions through words, speak confidently, and connect with their audience through the magic of storytelling. It's not just about words; it's about emotions, expression, and connection. Our interactive and hands-on approach ensures that students gain more than just knowledge. They'll navigate discussions, adapt to various scenarios, and truly understand the power of active listening. These skills go beyond the classroom, helping students excel in school discussions and connect with family members. Teamwork and collaboration are nurtured through group projects, fostering mutual understanding.

Our coaches will guide and support your child on their journey through competitive NSDA



	<p>performance. We're all about boosting confidence, encouraging students to step out of their comfort zones, take on new challenges, and shine in speech competitions. It's not just a class; it's a pathway to self-discovery and storytelling mastery.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have completed Little Orator Essentials A &amp; B classes.</i></p>
<b>Interpretation Speech</b>	<p>Students focus on methods aimed at performing a selection of one or more portions of a fictional piece. With a spotlight on character development and depth, interpretation events focus on a student's ability to convey emotion through the use of a text. Each class is meant to highlight key methods of interpretation and expression in speech and theater. (Storytelling, Declamation, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Prose, Poetry).</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 1 semester of Art of Public Speaking or completed 2 advanced Little Orator classes.</i></p>
<b>Limited Preparation Speech</b>	<p>Students focus on limited prep events (impromptu, extemp speaking, extemp debate, and SPontaneous ARgument) and learn how to prepare speeches in limited amounts of time. Coaches review the use of humor, personal anecdotes, historical perspectives, news stories, and logic that help formulate a speaker's ideas when preparing different types of speeches. Students are expected to follow current events, navigate the internet, and read expository articles.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 1 semester of Art of Public Speaking or completed 2 advanced Little Orator classes.</i></p>
<b>Limited Prep (Extemporaneous)</b>	<p>Students will focus on learning extemporaneous speaking, a limited prep event, which will introduce students to local, national, and worldwide issues. The objective is to expand their awareness of the world around them and prepare them to be global citizens. Students will gain knowledge on how to investigate, evaluate, and think critically about current events. In addition, students will learn and practice basic speech writing strategies. This course will teach them how to think quickly on their feet. Therefore, this is useful for students who are interested in competitive debate and/or limited prep events.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 1 semester of Art of Public Speaking or completed 2 advanced Little Orator classes.</i></p>
<b>Platform Speech</b>	<p>Students focus on Platform events (original oratory, informative, After Dinner Speech, persuasive and more). Coach guides students in preparing their original 7-10 minute speeches. Coaches lecture on writing expository and persuasive speeches, as well as organizational patterns in both the written and spoken acts of the performance. Students are expected to navigate the internet, read expository articles, and write 5-10 page papers. For younger students, students are expected to focus on performances aimed at preparing them to advocate for an idea as they move up the grade levels.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 1 semester of Art of Public Speaking or completed advanced Little Orator classes.</i></p>

<b>Elementary Debate</b>	<p>Elementary debate will teach young speakers to explain their opinions, support them with evidence, understand different perspectives, and hone active listening skills (listen to understand). In this course, students will engage in activities that focus on structuring their thoughts, effective presentation, and research. They will learn how to remain calm while presenting/defending their ideas, organize their thoughts on the spot, speak confidently, and articulate their ideas clearly under pressure. Exposing students to a variety of national, international, humanities, and science topics. Students are taught how to build a debate case, research methods, note taking, and argumentation skills in order for the student to quickly think on their feet while in a debate.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 1 semester of Art of Public Speaking or completed 2 advanced Little Orator classes.</i></p>
<b>Introductory Debate</b>	<p>Introduction to debate will teach students the basics of argumentation through the exploration of multiple debate formats. Over the course of this class students will explore everything from SPAR debate through more advanced concepts in team debate formats. It has the added benefits of causing students to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate; to develop listening skills; and to gain confidence in public speaking. They will learn and hone their research skills and every week will focus on applied debate skills. At the end of the course students will select a debate format and prepare and demonstrate the skills they have learned.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 1 semester of Art of Public Speaking or completed 2 advanced Little Orator classes.</i></p>
<b>Debate</b>	<p>Debate classes focus on exposing students to a variety of national, international, humanities, and science topics. Students are taught how to build a debate case, research methods, note taking, and argumentation skills in order for the student to quickly think on their feet while in a debate. Students are expected to follow current events, navigate the internet, read expository articles, and build case files. Additionally there will be a few online Debate labs throughout the semester.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 1 semester of Art of Public Speaking or completed 2 advanced Little Orator classes.</i></p>
<b>Competitive Training Lab</b>	<p>This lab section is for students looking to improve and increase their competitive skills and plan to actively compete in the speech and debate tournaments during the 2023-2024 season. As part of our competitive immersion program, we allow some students an opportunity to compete at a high level including State and National level competitions such as the California Middle School Forensics League Championships. Students must audition for the events they plan to take to the competition and are expected to create a plan with the director or co-director to fulfill commitments that help the student and family prepare their competitions.</p> <p><i>*Prerequisite: Students enrolling in this class must have taken at least 2 semesters of speech and debate classes or have equivalent speech and debate competition experience. Students must complete an additional form to be approved for the training lab.</i></p>
<b>Tournament Workshop</b>	<p>Tournament workshops offer students the opportunity to focus on competition preparation. Students will have at least 15 minutes with a coach and receive feedback. For some students, the workshop helps ease nerves, while for others, it helps them focus on improving their chances of making it into the final rounds.</p>

## Private Coaching

Private coaching offers students the opportunity to have 1:1 focus from a coach. Students work with a coach to improve basic public speaking skills and/or focus on competition prep. Students are welcome to use private tutoring to curate an event piece with a coach, literature comprehension, visualization methods, etc. Students and parents are expected to announce what they would like the coach to focus on for the duration of the private session.

Note: All classes have a minimum enrollment of 5 students. Our maximum coach:student ratio is 1:8. Certain classes may require smaller coach:student ratio and/or senior coaching. Those classes will be flagged as **premium classes** and will have surcharges to the class. Only 1 makeup class per semester per personal reason, make up class needs to be done in the same semester.

## Anaheim Campus: In-Person Beginner Program

In-Person Program	Grade	Day	Times (PST)	Tuition	Dates Sign up deadline 1/27/2024
[CLOSED] Little Orator Essentials A	1-3	Wed	4:00-5:30pm	\$1,150	1/10 - 05/22 (No Class on 2/21 & 4/3)
[CLOSED] Art of Public Speaking	4-5	Wed	4:00-5:30pm	\$1,150	1/10 - 05/22 (No Class on 2/21 & 4/3)
[CLOSED] Art of Public Speaking	4-5	Thu	4:00-5:30pm	\$1,150	1/11 - 05/23 (No Class on 2/22 & 4/4)
[CLOSED] Little Orator Essentials B	1-3	Thu	4:00-5:30pm	\$1,150	1/11 - 05/23 (No Class on 2/22 & 4/4)
[CLOSED] Art of Public Speaking	5-8	Fri	4:00-5:30pm	\$1,150	1/12 - 05/24 (No Class on 2/23 & 4/5)

### Late Spring: Beginner Program

Registration Link: [www.qdlearning.net/enroll](http://www.qdlearning.net/enroll)

In-Person Program	Grade	Day	Times (PST)	Tuition	Dates Sign up deadline 3/22/2024
Little Orator Essentials A	1-3	Sat	1:00-2:30pm	\$560	3/16 - 5/11 (No Class on 4/6)

### Intermediate and Advanced Program

\*Students must have at least 1 semester of speech and debate class experience before enrolling in an intermediate or advanced class.

In-Person Program	Grade	Day	Times (PST)	Tuition	Dates Sign up deadline 1/27/2024
[CLOSED] Little Orator (Interpretation)	2-3	Wed	4:00-5:30pm	\$1,250	1/10 - 05/22 (No Class on 2/21 & 4/3)
[CLOSED] Platform	6-8	Wed	5:40-7:10pm	\$1,250	1/10 - 05/22 (No Class on 2/21 & 4/3)
[CLOSED] Interpretation	4-5	Wed	5:40-7:10pm	\$1,250	1/10 - 05/22 (No Class on 2/21 & 4/3)
[CLOSED] Limited Prep (Extemporaneous)	6-8	Wed	5:40-7:10pm	\$1,250	1/10 - 05/22 (No Class on 2/21 & 4/3)
[CLOSED] Competitive Training Lab	6-12	Thu	4:00-5:30pm	\$1,590	1/11 - 05/23 (No Class on 2/22 & 4/4)



[CLOSED] Limited Prep	4-5	Thu	5:40-7:10pm	\$1,250	1/11 - 05/23 (No Class on 2/22 & 4/4)
[CLOSED] Debate	6-12	Thu	5:40-7:10pm	\$1,250	1/11 - 05/23 (No Class on 2/22 & 4/4)
[CLOSED] Limited Prep	6-8	Fri	5:40-7:10pm	\$1,250	1/12 - 05/24 (No Class on 2/23 & 4/5)



## Online Classes Beginner Program

Online Program	Grade	Day	Times (PST)	Tuition	Dates Sign up deadline 1/27/2024
[CLOSED] Art of Public Speaking	3-5	Tue	5:30-7:00pm	\$1,050	1/9 - 05/21 (No Class on 2/20 & 4/2)

## Late Spring Program Registration Link: [www.qdlearning.net/enroll](http://www.qdlearning.net/enroll)

In-Person Program	Grade	Day	Times (PST)	Tuition	Dates Sign up deadline 3/28/2024
Young Entrepreneurs	7-8	Wed	6:00-7:30pm	\$520	3/20 - 5/15 (No Class on 4/3)
Art of Public Speaking	4-6	Thu	6:00-7:30pm	\$520	3/21 - 5/16 (No Class on 4/4)

## Intermediate and Advanced Program

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Online Program	Grade	Day	Times (PST)	Tuition	Dates Sign up deadline 1/27/2024
[CLOSED] Limited Prep	4-5	Tue	3:45-5:15pm	\$1,050	1/9 - 05/21 (No Class on 2/20 & 4/2)
[CLOSED] Elementary Debate	4-5	Wed	3:45-5:15pm	\$1,050	1/10 - 05/22 (No Class on 2/21 & 4/3)



## Irvine Campus (Partnering with SCCCS): In-Person Classes Irvine Beginner Program

In-Person Program	Grade	Day	Times (PST)	Tuition	Dates <b>Sign up deadline 1/27/2024</b>
[CLOSED] Little Orator Essentials A	1-3	Mon	4:00 - 5:30pm	\$1,150	1/8 - 05/20 (No Class on 2/19 & 4/1)
[CLOSED] Art of Public Speaking	6-8	Mon	5:40 - 7:10pm	\$1,150	1/8 - 05/20 (No Class on 2/19 & 4/1)
[CLOSED] Art of Public Speaking	4-5	Tue	4:00 - 5:30pm	\$1,150	1/9 - 05/21 (No Class on 2/20 & 4/2)
[CLOSED] Little Orator Essentials B	1-3	Sat	9:00 - 10:30am	\$1,075	1/6 - 05/18 (No Class on 2/17, 3/30 & 4/6)

## Irvine Intermediate and Advanced Program

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[CLOSED] Limited Prep	4-5	Tue	4:00 - 5:30pm	\$1,250	1/9 - 05/21 (No Class on 2/20 & 4/2)
[CLOSED] Introductory Debate	6-8	Tue	5:40 - 7:10pm	\$1,250	1/9 - 05/21 (No Class on 2/20 & 4/2)
[CLOSED] Limited Prep	6-8	Tue	5:40 - 7:10pm	\$1,250	1/9 - 05/21 (No Class on 2/20 & 4/2)
[CLOSED] Little Orator (Interpretation)	1-3	Sat	9:00 - 10:30am	\$1,175	1/6 - 05/18 (No Class on 2/17, 3/30 & 4/6)
[CLOSED] Interpretation	4-5	Sat	10:40 - 12:10pm	\$1,175	1/6 - 05/18 (No Class on 2/17, 3/30 & 4/6)
[CLOSED] Platform	6-8	Sat	10:40 - 12:10pm	\$1,175	1/6 - 05/18 (No Class on 2/17, 3/30 & 4/6)

To register for Irvine campus classes, go to:  
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Note: All class dates/schedules are subject to change.

## QD Learning 2023-24 JV/Varsity Team



For students who are interested in competing at a high level this season, consider joining our competitive speech and debate team. Our JV/Varsity Team members get access to top-level private coaching, individualized competition plans, advancement labs, and invitations to exclusive tournaments. Available for students 3rd - 12th grade.

QD Learning JV/Varsity Team Application Link: <https://bit.ly/qdvarsity3>

## QD Learning Speech, Debate, and Leadership Club



Students who are looking to build leadership skills within the speech and debate community are invited to apply for our QD Learning Speech, Debate, and Leadership Club. Club members learn how to work together and run events as a team. Students have an opportunity to take part in leadership roles, facilitate monthly meetings, learn how to judge at tournaments, obtain mentorships, and foster a sense of community in applying their skills they have learned from their public speaking courses. Available for students in 6th- 12th grade.

QD Learning Speech, Debate, and Leadership Club Application Link:

<https://bit.ly/qdsdl23>



## 2023-2024 TOURNAMENT/IMPORTANT DATES

**Green: Novice and up | Yellow: Intermediate and up | Red: Advance**

Date(s)	Tournament	Location	Grades	Host	Notes*
1/20 - 1/22 /2024	Peninsula Invitational Bid Qualifier	Palos Verdes, CA	6-12	Peninsula HS	School Wide -All I.E./Debate
2/2/2024	SCJFL Middle School Speech #4	Online	6-8	SCJFL	School Wide -All I.E./debate
2/3/2024	SCJFL Middle School Debate #4	Online	6-8	SCJFL	School Wide -All I.E./debate
2/10/2024	SCJFL Elementary S&D Tournament #3	Roosevelt Elementary	3-5	SCJFL	School Wide -All I.E./debate
2/10 - 2/11/2024	Claremont Wolfpack Invitational Bid Qualifier	Claremont, CA	6-12	Claremont HS	School Wide -All I.E./ debate
2/10 - 2/12/2024	Annual Stanford Invitational	Online	6-12	Stanford University	Speech /Debate Events: Varsity Team only
2/17 - 2/19/ 2024	Annual CAL Invitational	UC Berkeley	6-12	UC Berkeley	Speech /Debate Events: Varsity Team only
2/17/2024	NOF Cherry Invitational	Online	3-12	NOFL	School Wide -All I.E./ debate
3/2/2024	SCJFL Middle School Debate #5	East Los Angeles College	6-8	SCJFL	School Wide -All debate
3/2-3/3/2024	Philhistorian Middle and High School Invitational	Online	6-12	Philhistorian Society	School Wide -All I.E./ debate
3/8 - 3/9/2024	East LA District Qualifier (IE)	Gabrielino HS	9-12	NSDA	Speech Events: Varsity Team only
3/16/2024	NOF Walnut Invitational	Online	3-12	NOFL	School Wide -All I.E./ debate
3/8 - 3/9/2024	East LA District Qualifier Debate	Montebello HS	9-12	NSDA	Debate Events: Varsity Team only
3/18/2024	NOF Walnut Invitational (Async)	Online (Async)	3-12	NOFL	School Wide -All I.E./ debate
4/5/2024	SCJFL Middle School Speech #6	Online	6-8	SCJFL	School Wide -All debate
4/6/2024	SCJFL Middle School Debate #6	Online	6-8	SCJFL	School Wide -All debate
4/13/2024	QD Learning Spring Tournament	Irvine, CA	2-12	QD Learning	School Wide - Speech Events
4/13/2024	SCJFL Elementary S&D Tournament #4	Roosevelt Elementary	3-5	SCJFL	School Wide -All I.E./debate
4/20/2024	Claremont Wolfcub MS Invitational	Claremont, CA	4-8	Claremont HS	School Wide -Speech/Debate
4/20/2024	NOF Maple Invitational	Online	3-12	NOFL	School Wide -All I.E./ debate
4/22/2024	NOF Maple Invitational(Async)	Online (Async)	3-12	NOFL	School Wide -All I.E./ debate
4/26/2024	Middle School CHSSA	Online	6-8	CHSSA	Speech /Debate Events
5/4-5/2024	SCJFL So Cal Champs	East Los Angeles College	5-8	SCJFL	*Invite only- Speech/Debate Qualification Required

5/10-5/12/2024	NIETOC	Bellevue, NE	9-12	NIETOC	Speech Events: Varsity Team only
5/17-19/ 2024	CMSF State Tournament Middle School State Championships	In Person TBD	5-8	CMSF	School Wide -All I.E. event
5/27 - 6/2/2024	National Forensics Championship	Online	All	NOFL	School Wide -Speech/Debate
6/16/2024	NSDA Nationals	Des Moines, IA	6-12	NSDA	Speech /Debate Events: Varsity Team only