

# *Podium Power*

## Syllabus: Introduction to Public Speech

### **Text:**

No text is required

### **Description:**

This course includes instruction in oral interpretation, the fundamentals of public speaking, and an introduction to policy debate.

- . Oral Interpretation: Students will prepare and present readings from selected prose, and or poetry.
- . Fundamentals of Public Speaking: Students will research, write and deliver informative, persuasive, and demonstration speeches.
- . Policy Debate: Students will prepare for and participate in a mini debate. Students will learn the structure of a policy debate, research a topic, organize and write a case.

### **Goals:**

- . Each student will improve his/her poise and confidence when speaking before an audience or defending his/her opinion.
- . Students will improve their skills in research, logic, organization, and writing.

### **Requirements:**

- . Comply with all discipline rules
- . Complete all assignments on time and according to instructions
- . All readings and speeches should be **3-5 minutes** in length unless otherwise specified.

### **Resources:**

- . Podium Power Online Classroom: [www.students.podiumpower.net](http://www.students.podiumpower.net)
- . Membership is password protect and is open only to Podium Power students and parents.
- . User ID/password information will be given in class.
- . Students will have access to class syllabus, notes, grades, and class specific resources
- . Students need access to the Internet

### **Evaluation:** Students will be graded on the following:

- . Persuasive, informative, and demonstration speeches
- . Advertising proposal
- . Prose/poetry readings
- . Participation in the class debate
- . Tests when applicable
- . Points will be deducted for late work