

# West High Speech Contract

Read the expectations below and return the bottom portion of the contract prior to auditions signed by a parent/guardian.

1. I promise to honor the rehearsal schedule. TWO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES will result in dismissal from the cast.
2. I will arrive 10 minutes early to rehearsal. I understand that to be early is to be on time; on time is late.
3. I will CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE or EMAIL directly if an emergency arises and I am going to miss a rehearsal or be late. I will NOT rely on someone else to deliver my message. I will be responsible for myself. The only way we can be successful as a team, ensemble, company is if we communicate positively.
4. I understand that IHSSA is absolutely no excuse for my grades to fall. When I choose to participate in speech and theatre, it is with the understanding that I am able to keep my grades up AND participate at the same time.
5. I understand that if rehearsal ends at 6:00pm, I should be home by 6:15pm. Rehearsal will not be used as an alibi if I come home late.
6. I understand Absolutely no candy, pop, gum, etc., in the Little Theatre. It is our second home and we shall treat it with respect and keep it clean.
7. I understand it is my personal responsibility to learn my lines and blocking as quickly as possible. I cannot begin to act if I am still learning lines. Valuable rehearsal time is wasted when actors come to the stage unprepared.
8. I will always bring a couple sharpened pencils with me to rehearsal. I will write blocking and any other notations down in my script.
9. When receiving criticism from the coaches, I will listen to it, process it, and use the criticism to strengthen my work.
10. Under no circumstance should one actor "direct" another actor or technician. Yes, do pat people on the back, but refrain from degrading another person's performance during as well as outside of rehearsals.
11. Rehearsal is our time for rehearsal and work. I will not carry outside problems with me on stage. In addition, I will not interfere with those on stage that are working. In fact, one can learn tons by watching and listening.
12. I will not ask my friends or others to attend rehearsal without the coach's prior consent.

- 13. I will use the MAIN ENTRANCE to West High unless explicitly instructed otherwise.
- 14. I understand I have a responsibility to my role and my company. If at any time, the coaches do not feel I am giving my best, in terms of attitude, preparation, ensemble work, etc., I understand my role may be recast.
- 15. COMMUNICATION! TEAMWORK! RESPONSIBILITY! FAMILY! I will represent West High Speech and Theatre to its fullest, most positive, most enlightening experiences while I'm away from the program.
- 16. If I take a job after I am cast in Large Group and/or Individual Events, I understand I will be dismissed from the company if the job interferes with my speech work.
- 17. I understand the company list will not be posted until all grades have been thoroughly checked.

**Contest Dates**

Large Group

Saturday, January 23	Districts at Waverly-Shell Rock High School
Saturday, February 6	State at <b>Waterloo West High School</b>
Saturday, February 20	All-State at Iowa State University, Ames

Individual Events Contest Dates

Saturday, February 27	Districts at AGWSR High School, Ackely
Saturday, March 12	State at Dubuque Senior High School
Monday, April 4	All-State at University of Northern Iowa , Cedar Falls

By signing below I have read the speech expectations above and will adhere to them.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_