



Public Speaking and Communication I

Grand Haven High School



Course Number:

Grade Level: 9-12

Credits : .5

Prerequisite Courses :

Course Description

This basic speech and communications class is designed to do the following: improve the student's ability to express his/her ideas through speaking, improve listening ability, gain skills in organization and outlining, and improve library and research skills. In addition to presenting several types of public speeches, students will also practice other communication skills including: interviewing, electronic communication, group discussion, and communication analysis.

Course Objectives

- All students will demonstrate the ability to write clear and grammatically correct sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.
 - All students will use the English language effectively.
 - All students will demonstrate, analyze, and reflect upon the skills and processes used to communicate through listening, speaking, viewing, reading, and writing.
 - All students will read and comprehend general and technical material.
 - All students will define and investigate important issues and problems using a variety of resources, including technology, to explore and create texts.
- Speaking and Listening:
- All students will focus on meaning and communication as they listen, speak, view and write in personal, social, occupational, and civic contexts.
 - All students will use English Language effectively.
 - All students will learn to communicate information accurately and effectively and demonstrate their expressive abilities by creating oral, written, and visual texts that enlighten and engage an audience.
- Skills and Processes
- Ideas in Action
- Inquiry and Research

Student Expectations

This is a performance class designed to enhance your speaking and communicating abilities. Students will speak in class. Students must be prepared to present their

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speeches on the day they are scheduled. Perhaps the most important skill involved with communication is listening. Students will be respectful to their peers. If students are disruptive during speeches, then they will be asked to leave and will be given a zero for that round of speeches. There will be writing days, research days, lecture days, and practice days.

Communication

Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with the teacher whenever they have a question or concern. Teacher contact information can be found on the ghaps.org website. Parent Internet Viewer is a great tool to monitor current grades, and the student may always ask the teacher for a current grade report, too.

Grading Policy

Grading scales can be found online in the Grand Haven High School Student Handbook. Public Speaking and Communications I will be graded according to point accumulated throughout the trimester.

Grades will also be categorized and weighted. The categories and weights are as follows:

Presentations - 70%

Writings - 15%

Participation - 15%

Scope and Sequence

Public Speaking and Communication will cover the following units (time permitting): introduction speech; informative speech; demonstration speech; persuasive speech; oral interpretation speech; and debate. We will also cover basic communication concepts.

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