

# MILLERSPEECH

*Students,*

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the MILLERSPEECH family. We are a close-knit group of over 40 students who gather to compete across the state of Indiana. Rest assured that you are joining an incredibly successful team at the right time!

We're excited to add your accolades to the trophy case!

Whether you're a new or returning competitor, you will learn a lot in the first few weeks. Much of the attached information may not make much sense yet. But through frequent contact with your Captains, Macy Millspaugh and Ben Freeman, as well as continued support and encouragement from the coaching staff, you'll be a pro in no time.

Please be on the lookout for further announcements. Our team's website, **MillerSpeech.com**, is frequently updated with pertinent information. You can also find the team group page "Noblesville Speech Team" on Facebook, too. Also, you can follow us on Twitter (@MillerSpeech).

Feel free to contact Mr. Chase Elliott or Ms. Stephanie Fotiades with any questions or concerns. Coach Elliott can be contacted by email at [chase\\_elliott@nobl.k12.in.us](mailto:chase_elliott@nobl.k12.in.us) or 317.674.6580 (call or text). Coach Fotiades can be contacted at [Stephanie\\_fotiades@nobl.k12.in.us](mailto:Stephanie_fotiades@nobl.k12.in.us).

Thanks again for your interest in joining the team. We're excited to get to work on another fantastic MillerSpeech season!

Best regards,

MillerSpeech Coaching Staff  
Noblesville High School Speech Team  
MillerSpeech.com

**Practices: TBD, but currently looking at practice times to be after school, over Zoom and after 5 pm for those that prefer evening practices or are in other extra-curricular activities.**

**Team Website:** *MillerSpeech.com* **Twitter:** *@MillerSpeech*  
**Explore these sites:** [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org); [www.IHSFA.org](http://www.IHSFA.org)

**Coach:** Chase Elliott ([Chase\\_Elliott@nobl.k12.in.us](mailto:Chase_Elliott@nobl.k12.in.us))  
**Coach:** Stephanie Fotiades ([Stephanie Fotiades@nobl.k12.in.us](mailto:Stephanie_Fotiades@nobl.k12.in.us))

**Captains:** Macy Millspaugh and Ben Freeman

**Practices:** With the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, your safety is our #1 priority. With that said, we want you to choose a practice format that works best for you and your situation. Most practices this year will be held over Zoom, however, we will be holding in person practices. These will be held in a time slot format in order to decrease the amount of students in the room.

**Initial Cost: NEW MEMBERS:** \$20, including membership into National Association, local dues, State dues. On competition days (If/when we travel) you will need some money for meals (breakfast/lunch). **CURRENT MEMBERS:** TBD; Shirts and ¼ zips will be per order form that will come later in November.

***NOTE: This year, many tournaments will be virtual and will charge an entry fee. This is different from years prior. Your entry fees will be assessed per meet.***

**Material: INTERPERS:** If you need some ideas regarding material, the coaches and captains are here to advise you. However, please know that we believe your material should be chosen by YOU, researched by YOU and performed by YOU. We will help you shape your performance and sharpen the details. The team's material database is growing, so be sure to check that before researching on your own.

**Competitions:** You must attend a **minimum** of (2) practices per week in preparation for an upcoming competition. Currently, the coaching staff and captains are looking into implementing a quota system with a **mandatory** Friday practice the day before a competition. More details about practice will emerge as the season gets underway and we determine what will work best for the most people.

We are competing against VERY good teams, and it is unfair to your other teammates (and the volunteer judges) if you are not prepared. Not everyone will compete each week. Just like any competitive team, *the BEST will compete each week*. The coaching staff will have the final say on who competes each week.

**Day of Competition: Saturdays, starting MID NOVEMBER.** Normally, and in previous years, we would get up very early. The bus would leave around 6:15 a.m. or EARLIER in many cases. Unless you had a signed permission slip or parent email stating otherwise, everyone was required to ride the bus to and from competitions.

**THIS YEAR (2020 COVID-19 PANDEMIC):** As stated previously, most meets this year will be virtual. We have never experienced online meets before and because of this, we ask for your patience

as we navigate what meet days/tournaments will look like. This is new territory for all of us, so if you have any ideas or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## **There are 2 competition formats we foresee tournaments adhering to this year:**

**1. Recorded videos uploaded to a platform:** Students will upload recorded performances while judges will judge at their own pace through the course of a weekend; live, virtual awards will most likely be on Saturday or Sunday nights depending on the meet.

**2. Live, virtual competition through Zoom:** Competitors will be assigned a Zoom link for the competition day and will compete like they normally would in person, they will just be in the comfort of your own home. Awards would most likely be the same.

**JUDGES:** We are **required** to bring volunteer judges to every meet. Normally, for each five entries we bring to a tournament, one judge is required. Virtually, this will be the same as in person.

**OTHER COMMITMENTS:** We are aware of the fact that many of you participate in extracurriculars other than MillerSpeech. That's great! We are willing to work with your obligations, as we believe that well-rounded individuals truly excel in speech. However, we need you to understand that we take speech team very seriously...this is not a team you can show up to on an irregular basis. This is a competitive, highly ranked team with lofty aspirations.

**RESPECT:** Our team is a family, and each of you will treat everyone with utmost respect. When addressing ANY coach, teacher, principal, we will address them as sir or ma'am OR by formal name. At competitions, please address individual members of the coaching staff as "coach."

**DIVERSITY:** We contribute our success, in large part, to the diversity of the competitors we have on our team. As a team, we are committed to not only creating a safe environment for EVERY student, but to honor the unique backgrounds and stories our students have. Because each piece is so personal to the performer, we encourage students to find topics and literature that they are passionate about. That passion is then passed from the competitor to their audience which makes for a compelling and meaningful interpretation.

**NOTE:** Bullying of ANY type is NEVER acceptable. If we see, overhear, or discover any behavior or language directed towards an individual/group meant to harm or put down said individual/group, the student(s) involved will immediately be removed from the team without a membership refund, and reported to administration.

**LEADERSHIP:** The current leadership--coaches and captains alike--select new leaders each year.

**Updates/Info:** You will receive most info through email, MillerSpeech.com, or our Facebook Page

**Noblesville High School SPEECH TEAM DUES**

To cover the cost of IHSFA and NSDA membership, each NEW speech team member will pay an entry fee of \$20 to the Speech Team Fund. Returning members will pay a fee of TBD. These fees & attached info sheet are DUE by Monday, 11/9 to Coach Fotiades (Room 1065) in a sealed envelope.

Stephanie Fotiades  
NHS Speech Team Coach  
Stephanie\_Fotiades@nobl.k12.in.us

\_\_\_\_\_ (NAME)

Presented his/her dues of \$60 / \$30 CASH / CHECK to the Speech Team Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

**NHS SPEECH TEAM INFO SHEET**  
**2020-2021**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S)  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT E-MAIL #1  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT E-MAIL #2  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PHONE #  
\_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE #  
\_\_\_\_\_

YOUR E-MAIL  
\_\_\_\_\_

FACEBOOK? YES / NO

T-SHIRT/ JACKET SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ACTIVITIES (LIST THEM BELOW):

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SATURDAY AVAILABILITY (CIRCLE ONE):  
Always / Sometimes / Never

POSSIBLE 1 \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER

JUDGES 2 \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU DRIVE? YES / NO

OTHER CONFLICTS? (LIST BELOW):

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**NOBLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PARENT – PUPIL PERMISSION SLIP (IF/WHEN WE TRAVEL)**

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the educational, athletic, or extra- curricular field trip described below. During such event, if it shall be necessary for my child to receive medical treatment for any illness, injury, or emergency, I authorize the school, or any of its agents, employees, or volunteers, to secure reasonable medical treatment for my child and I hereby appoint such representative of Noblesville Schools to consent for all medical and/or surgical treatment and/or medical procedures which may be required in the event of an emergency. I understand if time permits, I will be consulted and advised of the situation, and this authorization is used only in the event of an emergency.

**Date of event: Multiple Saturdays in November through March, 2020-2021**

**Description of event: NHS Speech Team Competitions**

**Estimated departure time from school: 6:15 a.m.**

**Estimated return time to school: 4:00 p.m. (Depending on location)**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent, Guardian, or Custodian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

In conjunction with the event described above, I am hereby providing the school with the following information regarding my child. In case of emergency, and the parent or guardian cannot be located, please call the following individual:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies of child:

\_\_\_\_\_

Physical disabilities of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication required/Times given: \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**MILLERSPEECH ATTIRE GUIDELINES**  
**2020-2021**

**GIRLS**

- \*You must wear pants or an adequate length skirt (prefer close to knee)
- \*No “distracting” shoes (appropriate shoe color)
- \*Tops must be appropriate
- \*If you are in a DUO, color coordination is REQUIRED.
- \*Hair must be completely out of your face
- \*No crazy hair colors
- \*No hoop earrings or flashy jewelry
- \*No dramatic makeup
- \*Dark socks or hose required.
- \*If competing in Congress, Duo, or Extemporaneous, a suit is required.
- \*Heels, while presentable, can create problems. Keep this in mind.

**GUYS**

- \*You MUST wear a jacket, belt, dress slacks & a dress shirt
- \*If you are in a DUO, color coordination is REQUIRED  
(ex: girl wears red shirt, you wear MATCHING red tie)
- \*NO TENNIS SHOES
- \*Dark socks required
- \*No crazy hair color/style
- \*A *professional*, maintained hairstyle

**ALL**

- \*Make sure attire is clean & wrinkle-free
- \*If you arrive in unacceptable competition attire, you will NOT compete
- \*If you have to ask if you can wear it, don't wear it.
- \*Make sure you can move around comfortably
- \*Let a coach know if you have any problems adhering to these guidelines

# Competition Events:

*\*We are always seeking individuals who enjoy theatre, politics, public speaking, radio announcing, and improvisation. Much of what we do can be described as “competitive acting”.*

**As a team, we compete in 15 different events:**

- **Prose**
- **Poetry**
- **Informative**
- **Duo Interpretation (acting; 2 people)**
- **Humor (acting)**
- **Drama (acting)**
- **International Extemporaneous (IX)**
- **U.S. Extemporaneous (USX)**
- **Impromptu (IMP)**
- **Broadcasting (BRO)**
- **Original Oratory (OO)**
- **Original Performance (acting; OP)**
- **Discussion (DIS/DISCO)**
- **Congress (CON)**
- **Program Oral Interpretation (acting; POI)**

For examples of each event, please [CLICK HERE](#) to open a PowerPoint presentation of details, rules and examples!

# NHS SPEECH TEAM

## 2020 - 2021 COMPETITION DATES

- MillerSpeech Callout Meeting: 10/28/20; 12p noon during E-Learning Day
- First practice offered: 11/11/20
- Parent Meeting (ZOOM CALL W/ ALL PARENTS): Wed 11/11/20 @ 6 PM
- Fishers Virtual Tournament: Saturday, 11/7/20; 8am – 12:30p
- Noblesville Virtual Invitational: Saturday, TBD
- Future Meets TBD

\*\*\*Competition dates and our attendance subject to change **SUBSTANTIALLY** over the course of the season.

\*\*\***Be prepared to adapt and overcome!**

*Post-Season Competition: TBD*