

How to Increase Interest in Debate Issues and Answers Policy Debate Session PAC 2023

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- USD 403 5-12 Band and Choir Teacher- Kansas (1986-1996)
- USD 489 High School Director of Bands- Kansas (1996-2015)
- KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director of Fine Arts (2015-present)
- KMEA Leadership: District President, State President (2011-13), Assistant Executive Director (2023-present)
- NFHS Music Committee Chairperson (2019-23)

Mike Harris

- 2010-2017 – Kapaun Mt Carmel High School
- 2016-Present – Kansas Speech Communication Association
 - President Emeritus
 - Organizational Representative to KSHSAA (2021-Present)
- 2017-Present – USD 259 Wichita Public Schools
 - 2017-2021 – Wichita East
 - 2021-2023 – Wichita Southeast
 - 2023-Present – Curriculum Development/Professional Development
- 2020-Present - Ad Astra Debate Foundation

Policy Debate Structure in Kansas

- Introduction to the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA)
 - Tournament formats (4-Speaker, 2-Speaker).
 - Importance of coach rules meetings.
 - Debate/Speech & Drama Manual.



Kansas Debate Season

- Summer Activities
- Rules Meetings/KSCA Conference
- Start of practice/competition
- Monthly new coach mentorship
- Regionals & State
- Speech/Drama from January to May.
- Other debate formats...

Invitationals

- In-person/Virtual Opportunities.
- Limits on the number of invitationals students can attend.
- Incentives to host
- Co-hosting

Post-State National Tournaments

- Spring policy debate opportunities after the State Tournament.
- Changes to the approval process after NASSP dissolution.
- Total high schools participating in Policy Debate in Kansas.

The Backbone - KSCA

- Introduction to the Kansas Speech Communications Association.
 - Structure of leadership
 - Representation of coaches across classifications
- Importance of the Annual Conference in August.
 - Rules Meetings
 - Business Meetings
 - Professional Development and Mentorship
- Role as an advisory committee to the KSHSAA.
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Collaboration with KSHSAA

- Highlighting the collaboration model:
 - Representation in KSHSAA.
 - Process of rule proposal, manual changes.
 - Decision-making bodies for approvals.

What Sets Kansas Apart?

- Strong collaboration between KSCA and KSHSAA.
- Flexible and updated rules.
- Emphasis on continuous education and adherence.

Q&A Session?