



Solon Speech and Debate

2022-2023 Team Tryout Information

Tryout Logistics:

1. Select a category group from the list below
2. Sign up for a tryout time (10 minute slots) using the following link: [CLICK HERE](#)
3. Prepare a **3–4-minute** showcase for the coaches to show your potential in your desired event. Make sure that your preparation focuses on the outlined information below.
4. Be prepared, show up on time, dress up, present with confidence, and then be prepared to answer questions about yourself, your schedule, and your interests so we can best make our decisions.

Helpful Tip: The most successful tryouts come from students who have done their research and watched videos of the event they are trying out for. It is very clear to us who has practiced and put in the effort and who has not.

Event Groups:

Debate: Congressional Debate

Please prepare a 3-minute speech either for or against the legislation below. Please note that you will be judged on **how well you develop your speech, construct your argument, and provide support/evidence for your stance**. Your speech should be clear, easy to follow, and well supported with both logic and evidence.

Both writing and speaking skills are important in debate.

Topic: A Bill to Implement Automation in Hospitals to Aid with Understaffing in Healthcare

Interpretation Events: Drama, Duo, Humor, Program Oral Interpretation

Please prepare 3-4 minutes of a speech, play, book, poetry, or other published source that you feel best portrays your strength in **character interpretation** (this material does not need to be memorized). You may prepare a selection with multiple characters and voices or it may be a one character. Please remember that these are the acting events, so the **goal of your audition should be to bring a scene and its characters to life**.

Limited Prep Events: International Extemp and United States Extemporaneous Speaking

We would like you to prepare a 3-4-minute speech on one of the topics listed below. You will be evaluated on **how well you answer the question and explain your thinking with support/evidence**.

You will also be evaluated on the mechanics of speech: **gestures, vocal variety, and enunciation**.

1. Answer the question: Should Congress create regulations for NIL in college athletics?
2. Answer the question: Will the UN deal with Russia and Ukraine help alleviate projected global food problems?

A Bill to Implement Automation in Hospitals to Aid with Understaffing in Healthcare

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall
3 make \$10 billion in grants available to understaffed public and
4 nonprofit hospitals.

5 B. These grants will be used to apply for the implementation of robotics and
6 automation at no cost to the facilities.

7 C. Each facility will be allocated an amount of money depending on size
8 and location. The maximum allocation per facility shall be \$400,000.
9 Facilities who are eligible for this grant and will be selected based on
10 need by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

11 **SECTION 2.** A. Automation is defined as systems that are able to operate or
12 accomplish tasks without human intervention.

13 B. Understaffed Hospitals are defined as public or nonprofit hospitals that
14 exceed a nurse to patient ratio of 1:5 and/or public or nonprofit hospitals
15 that do not meet a doctor to patient ratio of 1:14.

16 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee
17 the implementation of this legislation.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2023. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.