

Hello, Hello School AD,

Thank you for your support of IHSSA speech activities. I sincerely appreciate and applaud your care and leadership of all students. Your guidance and belief in students as well as their coaches is fundamental to establishing a positive culture. The IHSSA is part of the Unified Federation– together with the IGHSAA/IHSMA. The IHSSA has three different series of contests: debate, large group events, and individual events.

Here are your TOP 5 tasks:

1. Complete the [IHSSA 2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP LINK form](#). Be sure to check if you have a new coach. The form serves as your school's invoice. A paper copy of this form was also mailed to the speech coach listed from last year. Memberships are due with payment by November 1.
2. Please send me (stacy@ihssa.org) your new coach's email. I will set them up with a LOGIN/PASSWORD as well as a mentor. They will use this login/password to register students for contests/convention/awards/etc.
3. Once a coach registers for a contest, they will immediately receive an email invoice. It is up to that coach to send that invoice to you and/or their bookkeeper. Payment from schools is expected upon receipt.
4. Support and encourage your coaches to attend IHSSA Convention. This is the best PD we offer. They will find their support community at the IHSSA Convention—and thus, hopefully come to you with fewer questions. Coaches can register (with their LOGIN/PASSWORD) on the ihssa.org website.
5. Keep your eyes on the lookout for any student that “needs a good home.” The IHSSA offers ample opportunities for all types of students. Research reinforces the belief that students who participate in extra-curricular activities find greater connection and value in their school community. Let the IHSSA be “that” activity to help them flourish.

In the spirit of speech education,

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