

Join Forensics!

PUBLIC SPEAKING & ACTING WITH MLFA WISCONSIN

Unlock your public speaking and acting potential.

Overview

Forensics is an extracurricular activity available to students in grades 6 through 8. The goal of middle school forensics is to enhance self-confidence and oral proficiency by developing and practicing essential public speaking skills. Through friendly competitions, students aim to experience the joy of effective verbal communication, a crucial skill that benefits them throughout their lives.

Commitment/Transportation

- There is a \$125 activity fee* for each participant in the program. This fee assists in the coverage of team costs per tournament and materials. Please include this fee with the permission slip and turn in no later than Wed., Dec. 10, 2025.
- First practice will kick-off **Wednesday, December 10, 2025,** from 2:45PM 3:30PM in the Upper Maker Space (Rooms 249 & 251).
 - A full schedule of practices dates and times will be given to students at the 12/10 kick-off.
 - Snacks will be provided at every practice; please bring a water bottle.
- Tournaments begin the last weekend of January and continue through mid-March. Tournaments are most often held on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. State will be held at Brookfield Central on March 21, 2026
 - o The NLS coach will register for tournaments in January 2026.
 - A full schedule of tournaments will be provided to students in early January.
 - <u>Transportation will be needed for students during the after-school hours (no bus) and to get to/from tournaments. Please make sure you have carpool arrangements.</u>

Parents: Our school is required to provide 1 judge per 5 entries for every meet. This means we need your help! All it takes is one hour-long virtual training session from the comfort of your own home and you're ready to go. Please reach out to <u>Lindsey Wood</u> if you would be willing to judge for one or more of our meets.

About the Coach



Hello Lakers! My name is Lindsey Wood, and I am thrilled for another exciting year as the North Lake School's Forensics coach. I am a proud parent of two incredible children, Riley (4th grade at NLS) and McKenzie (Sophomore at AHS). With more than two decades of professional experience in oral and written communication, I bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the program. In 2022, I became an official MLFA Wisconsin judge, further strengthening my commitment to fostering excellence in forensics and public speaking. I look forward to supporting students as they embark on a journey of self-discovery and personal growth through the art of public speaking and

acting. If you have any questions about the program or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can reach me via email at **lindseywood481@gmail.com** or by phone/text at **262-244-9834**.

^{*}There are funding options available for students if there is a need. Please contact Dr. Liesl Ackley for more information.