



## **MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SPEECH AND DRAMA PROGRAM**

The MHSA Speech and Drama Program begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes with the state tournament at the end of January each school year.

### **Eligibility**

In the MHSA Handbook, the Speech and Drama section contains detailed information on student eligibility. The eligibility requirements for music students differ from the general eligibility section of the By-Laws, so please refer to the eligibility language in the Forensic section when determining student eligibility for speech and drama students.

### **Coaching Rules**

The team coaching rule is suspended from June 1 – July 31. Individual instruction is acceptable after the season on a one-on-one basis. Please refer to the Season and Tournaments language in the Forensic section of the MHSA Handbook.

### **Information & Mailings**

The MHSA office will send mailings to each speech and/or drama coach around the first of each month from September through January. Those mailings will include the statewide speech and drama schedule and extemporaneous speaking topics, as well as other pertinent information. Whenever possible, electronic mailings will be utilized.

### **Post Season Events**

In Class AA, a state meet will be held at the end of January each year. In the other classes, a state meet will be held at the end of January, with qualifiers being determined at divisional meets during the prior week.