**Syllabus for Speech/Forensics Beth Blankenship**

**Description:** This class combines oral and written communication skills to strengthen the student’s ability to organize data, determine various ways to present it and to communicate it effectively to a designated audience. The student will present different types of speeches to the class and will perform works written by others.

**Material needed for class:**

Blue or black pens

3-ring binder

Notebook paper

**Grading System:**

Daily grades

1. Homework
2. Quizzes

Test grades

1. Performance grades
2. Essays/Speeches/Projects/Reports

**Class Policies:**

1. Students are expected to treat property, learning materials, other people, and themselves with respect.

2. Students are expected to bring necessary materials to class each day.

3. The bell does not dismiss class. Students are to remain seated and focused until they are dismissed by the teacher.

4. No student is allowed to leave his desk without permission.

5. When a student is absent and that absence is excused, there will be a three-day period to make up missed work. Grades and attendance affect each other.

Inappropriate behavior will be handled according to the student handbook.

**I will be available for parent conferences or tutoring sessions for students on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30. Parents may also make appointments for conferences to be scheduled during my planning period between 2:30 and 3:30.**