NDHSAA
Fine Arts Committee
Agenda

2026-27 Members: Hanson (Chair), Christensen, Dennis, Tescher

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 – 3:00 pm CST – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Champions Room

1. Fine Arts Adjudicator Qualifications
2. Speech Ballots
3. New Speech Category Proposal

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – 10:00 am CDT – Conference Call

1. Article VIII: Amateurism Q&A Review
2. Article XIV, SECTION III: Similar Sport During Sports Season Q&A Review
3. Article XIV, SECTION VIII: Amateurism Q&A Review
4. Fine Arts Season Dates, Allowable Contests, and Related Regulations
5. 2026-27 Play Regulations
6. State Speech Ballots
7. State Play Judge Critiques

Monday, May 20, 2026 – 1:00 pm CDT – Conference Call

1. Fine Arts Review Grid
2. Plays Copyright
3. Speech Tournament Format (2-Prelim vs. 3-Round)
4. Speech Tie-Breaking (Recips/Rank Power vs. Head-to-Head)
5. Debate Postseason Qualifying
6. Late-Late Fine Arts Entires
7. Music Medals

Monday, March 2, 2026 – 11:00 am CST – Conference Call

1. One-Act Plays Incidental Music Copyright
2. Debate Postseason Format
3. Speech Tournament Qualifying Format
4. Speech Scoring & Tiebreaking Regulations
5. Post Festival Music Awards & Result Update

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – 10:00 am CST – Conference Call

1. One-Act Plays Incidental Music Copyright

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – 10:00 am CST – Conference Call

1. State Student Congress Resolutions: Adopt new resolution selection process
2. One-Act Plays Incidental Music Copyright

Thursday, September 25 – 9:00 am CDT – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Champions Room

1. Debate
    a. Number of state qualifiers
    b. Qualifier tournament
2. Plays
    a. Copyright regulations

Thursday, November 21 – 1:00 pm CDT – Conference Call

1. A Plays format and date

Thursday, September 26 – 9:30 am CDT – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Debate Topic Regulation

Thursday, August 29 – 2:00 pm CDT – Conference Call

1. Play Regulations
2. State Debate Seeding
3. Speech Regulations
4. State A Plays

Wednesday, May 29 – 9:00 am CDT – Conference Call

1. Fine Arts Committee Agenda with Addendum
2. Fine Arts Review Grid (8 Action Items)
3. NDMEA Music Proposal Responses
4. CSTAND Debate Proposal Response
5. CSTAND Speech-Play Proposal Response
6. Debate Play In Proposal Working Draft
7. January 2019 FA Region Realignment Comparisons
8. January 2019 FA Region Survey Letter

Wednesday, November 15 – 10:00 am CST – Conference Call

1. Online tournaments
2. Online scrimmages
3. Artificial Intelligence regulation
4. Artificial Intelligence guiding document
5. Sanctioned fine arts sponsorship requirements
6. State B Music keyboard rental/site options
7. Fine Arts review process
8. 2023-24 Debate topics

Tuesday, June 6 – 8:00 am CDT – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Champions Room

1. Fine Arts Review
2. Lakota High School request

Thursday, January 19, 2023 – 9:30 am CST – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. One Act Plays Tiebreaker

Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 3:30 pm – Conference Call

1. Review April 27 meeting
2. WDA orchestra request

April 27, 2021 – 10:00 am – Conference Call

1. Review survey data
2. Debate
    a. Qualification ratio
    b. One-day state event
3. Speech
    a. Qualification ratio
4. A Plays

a. State contest schedule
b. Individual events

5. Music
    a. Festival vs. contest
    b. Qualification ratio
    c. Awards

March 22, 2021 – 12:00 pm – Conference Call

1. Upcoming Seasons
    a. Class A Vocal/Strings
    b. Class B Music
    c. Speech
    d. A Plays
    e. B Plays
    f. Debate

January 21, 2021 – 9:15 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Upcoming Seasons
    a. Debate
    b. Class A Instrumentals
    c. Class A Vocal/Strings
    d. Class B Music
    e. Speech
    f. A Plays

January 11, 2021 – 12:00 pm – Conference Call

2. Upcoming Seasons
    a. Debate
    b. Class A Instrumentals
    c. Class A Vocal/Strings
    d. Class B Music
    e. Speech
    f. A Plays

January 4, 2021 – 10:00 am – Conference Call

3. Upcoming Seasons
    a. Debate
    b. Class A Instrumentals
    c. Class A Vocal/Strings
    d. Class B Music
    e. Speech
    f. A Plays

December 1, 2020 – 10:00 am – Conference Call

4. Upcoming Seasons
    a. Debate
    b. Class A Instrumentals
    c. Class A Vocal/Strings
    d. Class B Music
    e. Speech
    f. A Plays

October 27, 2020 – 9:00 am – Conference Call

1. Timeline for Decisions/Declarations
2. Status Updates
    a. State Student Congress
    b. State B Plays
3. Upcoming Seasons
    a. Debate
    b. Class A Instrumentals
    c. Class A Vocal/Strings
    d. Class B Music
    e. Speech
    f. A Plays
4. Registration System

October 6, 2020 – 10:00 am – Conference Call

1. Debate Contingency Planning
2. Music Contingency Planning
3. Larimore High School Letter

September 8, 2020 – 2:00 pm – Conference Call

1. Survey Results
2. Fall 2020 Fine Arts Contests

August 26, 2020 – 10:00 am – Conference Call

1. Fall 2020 Fine Arts Contests

July 14, 2020 – 1:00 pm – Conference Call

1. 2020-21 Fine Arts Contests

June 17, 2020 – 9:00 am – Conference Call

1. 2020-21 Fine Arts Contests

January 16, 2020 – 9:30 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. State Music ballot processing
2. Music registration categories
3. State B Music piano quote
4. Speech source materials

December 5, 2019 – 9:30 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. State Music ballot processing
2. Review Drayton High School request
3. Plays superior actor awards

June 10, 2019 – 11:45 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Music
    a. Class A region to state advancement ratio
    b. Vocal categories
        i. Change girls to soprano/alto
        ii. Change boys to tenor/bass
    c. Awards

        i. PDF certificates
        ii. State star ratio
    d. Entries
        i. Incorrect category rating
        ii. Original copy/photocopy permission for judge
2. One Act Plays individual events time slot/restarts
3. Remove State Debate tab room selection at CSTAND regulation
4. Remove Student Congress regulation regarding two-day first congress and old start times

April 2, 2019 – 8:45 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Champions Room

1. Class B Fine Arts Region Realignment

November 29, 2018 – 9:00 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Class B Fine Arts Region Realignment & Timeline
2. State Class A Orchestra Judges
3. Student Congress Resolution Regulation Proposal

September 27, 2018 – 9:00 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Region realignment

June 11, 2018 – 2:30 pm – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Copyright update
2. Region realignment
3. Regional manager late fee reimbursement
4. A Plays scene and costume design
5. A Plays state contest date
6. Music – boys and girls categories
7. Music – late registration window
8. Speech and Music – late results reporting

October 15, 2017 – 10:00 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Update from CSTAND advisory committee meetings

August 15, 2017 – 10:15 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Update on state plays, speech, and music qualifications, awards, and dates

June 12, 2017 - 3:15 pm – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. Remove music regulations recommending judges from outside regions be secured for all regional festivals.
2. Remove music regulations requiring judges must not have judged regional entrants.
3. Remove music regulations permitting photocopying for page turns. (NFHS copyright committee determination)
4. Recommend 2021 State B Music site.
5. Review state music festivals awards process and event size.
6. Review Hankinson letter.

May 4, 2017 – 10:00 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Sylling Room

1. State plays, speech, and music qualification

April 19, 2016 – 9:45 am – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – Champions Room

1. Qualifying ratio for State A Vocal/Strings

June 16, 2014 – 9:30 am – NDHSAA Office

1. Review Hillsboro request to switch regions for Music and Drama
2. Review State A Music Site Manager Stipend
3. Review State A & B Music Scheduler Stipends

October 15, 2014 – 9:00 am – Bismarck – Ramkota, Room 1169

1. Review Fine Arts season dates survey results

September 16, 2014 – 10:00 am – NDHSAA Office

1. Review Fine Arts season dates survey and timeline

August 13, 2014 – 10:30 am – NDHSAA Office

1. Review Fine Arts season dates

October 16, 2013—8:00 a.m.—NDHSAA Office

1. State Music Start Time
    a. Review survey

June 18, 2013—8:00 a.m.—NDHSAA Office

1. Region fine arts placement for Wing HS. (Letter attached)
2. State Music start time.

January 26, 2013—9:00 a.m.—Bismarck Ramkota, Room 1161

1. NFL Speech & Debate competition dates
2. DSU Speech Invite
3. Minot State Speech Invitation
4. Fine Arts judge certification

October 17, 2012—8:00 a.m.—Bismarck Ramkota, Room 1165

1. Review NFL Survey
2. State Class A Plays
    a. Minimum school participation number to host state
    b. Number of place winners
    c. Schedule format

August 2, 2012—9:15 a.m.—Valley City Office

1. Determine timelines for strategic plan

June 19, 2012—8:00 a.m.—Valley City Office

1. Fine Arts Review Committee Recommendations
2. Review Letter from Carrington High School
3. Report of Committee Discussion of Devils Lake HS Request
4. State B Music Site Manager Fees
    a. Brian Bubach will address this
5. Region I Requests
    a. Class B One-Act Plays back to one day
    b. Allow one team per region to advance to state.

April 16, 2012—7:45 a.m.—Valley City Office

1. Future fine arts tournament sites
2. Other
    a.

October 19, 2011—9:00 a.m.— Room 1161, Bismarck Ramkota

1. Statewide speech fees—Region I request
2. Discussion regarding fine arts club activities.

August 11, 2011—8:30 a.m.—Valley City

1. B Plays Site Selection (Regulation for location with 3 stages, 2 stages is what has been offered in last 2 years)
2. Review of RFI letter used in site selection.
3. Review of site selection process for state fine arts events.
4. Class A Instrumental Music Regulations/Structure

June 20-21, 2011---8:00 a.m.—Valley City

1. Discussion on the following
    a. Cavalier Region Request
    b. Hillsboro Region Request
    c. Fine Arts Review
    d. Administrative Changes
    e. Proposed Administrative Regulation Changes
    f. East Region Request
    g. Region X Request
    h. Region I Request
    i. Region II Request

April 18, 2011---6:30 p.m.—Valley City

1. Language content at speech and play events-Code of Conduct
2. Music and speech penalties for rule violations
3. Speech—end of season contests and state qualifiers

March 11, 2011---8:00 a.m.—Radisson Hotel, Fargo, Prairie Rose Room

1. Discuss/recommend prescribed penalties for rule violations
2. Begin discussions regarding code of conduct during speech contests

October 20, 2010---8:30 a.m.—Bismarck Ramkota Hotel, Room 3160

1. Review and discuss the request from Speech Advisory to add a rule to the one-act regulations that would prevent regional speech judges from judging the state contest.
2. Begin discussions regarding prescribed penalties for fine arts rules violations.