

**SPEECH/THEATRE**  
**Early Adolescence through Late Adolescence**  
**Grades 6-12**

**Standard #1 The teacher of speech/theatre has practical knowledge and skills in teaching and critically evaluating intrapersonal, interpersonal, small group communication, public speaking, listening, and communication theory.**

**Knowledge**

1. The teacher knows how to develop and use criteria for evaluating and selecting materials for speech communication instruction, recognizing issues such as equity in gender, age, ethnicity, lifestyle, and socioeconomic status.
2. The teacher understands intrapersonal, interpersonal, small group communication, public speaking, listening, and communication theory.
3. The teacher understands various assessment techniques utilized in the communication classroom.

**Performance**

1. The teacher guides students to select and evaluate the appropriateness of their communication strategies.
2. The teacher uses technology to enhance the preparation, presentation, and evaluation of student communication.
3. The teacher uses various assessment tools to evaluate the student.
4. The teacher stays current with communication research.

**Standard #2 The teacher of speech/theatre has practical content knowledge and skills in teaching and critically evaluating debate and forensic co-curricular activities.**

**Knowledge**

1. The teacher knows how to coach debate and forensic events offered at Kansas tournaments and festivals.
2. The teacher is aware of legal and ethical issues regarding student performances.
3. The teacher understands the administrative aspects relating to coaching debate and forensics, including the hosting of tournaments and festivals.

**Performance**

1. The teacher explains and demonstrates the various debate and forensic events.
2. The teacher utilizes tournament-judging criteria in preparing the students for presentations.
3. The teacher instructs students in appropriate use of copyright materials.
4. The teacher is able to participate in and/or host tournaments/festivals.
5. The teacher participates in administering and maintaining a debate and/or forensics program.

**Standard #3 The teacher of speech/theatre has practical content knowledge and skills in teaching and critically evaluating mass media.**

**Knowledge**

1. The teacher is aware of the historical development of the mass media and the role mass media play in local, national, and global societies.
2. The teacher understands how persuasion techniques in mass media influence audience attitudes and behaviors.
3. The teacher understands characteristics of various forms of mass media and the supportive technological trends.
4. The teacher is aware of analytical criteria in the students' selection and use of mass media.

**Performance**

1. The teacher explains and demonstrates the significance of mass media in students' own lives.
2. The teacher guides students to critically evaluate messages of the mass media.

**Standard #4 The teacher of speech/theatre has practical content knowledge and skills in teaching and critically evaluating technical theatre, design, history, dramatic literature, performance techniques, and directing.**

**Knowledge**

1. The teacher knows the artistic and pragmatic purposes, procedures, and challenges of the theatre and its designers.

2. The teacher recognizes the styles, major movements, and interaction between theatre history and dramatic literature.
3. The teacher understands the basic duties and procedures of the theatrical director and is familiar with the potential challenges that often accompany direction of a theatrical production.
4. The teacher stays current with dramatic literature, technology, and performance techniques.

**Performance**

1. The teacher designs and constructs unified scenic environments, properties, costumes, make-up, lighting, and sound with available resources to communicate visual and aural concepts appropriate to selected scripts and improvised dramas.
2. The teacher identifies, analyzes, and interprets human actions, conflicts, and themes as expressed in scripted plays and improvised dramas.
3. The teacher coaches actors to develop, communicate, and sustain consistent characters in improvisations and formal theatre productions.
4. The teacher is able to direct theatre productions selecting appropriate scripts and effectively communicating directorial production choices to actors and technicians during rehearsals and production meetings.

**Standard #5           The teacher of speech/theatre has practical content knowledge and skills, needed in managing theatrical presentations in collaboration with others.**

**Knowledge**

1. The teacher is aware of legal, safety, and ethical issues regarding student performances.
2. The teacher knows how to direct, design, and administer a theatre program.
3. The teacher is aware of available resources and technology that could enhance a theatre program.

**Performance**

1. The teacher instructs and demonstrates appropriate safety precautions when working with students on theatre activities and ensures that students practice theatre safety.
2. The teacher instructs students in and demonstrates appropriate use of copyright materials.
3. The teacher participates in administering and maintaining a theatre program and effectively communicates with the appropriate personnel.

**Standard #6           The teacher of speech/theatre has practical knowledge and skill in teaching and critically evaluating theatre as a tool for learning about self and culture.**

**Knowledge**

1. The teacher knows how to develop and use criteria for evaluating and selecting materials for theatre instruction, recognizing issues such as equity in gender, age, ethnicity, lifestyle, and socioeconomic status.
2. The teacher understands the ramifications of ethics and artistic choices in the uses and/or presentations of theatre.

**Performance**

1. The teacher explains and demonstrates how diverse skills used in theatre transfer to students' own lives.
2. The teacher utilizes cultural and historical information when preparing for, collaborating with, and evaluating student work.
3. The teacher utilizes dramatic activities and theatre productions that promote self-discovery, build productive and creative relationships, and empathize with the human condition.
4. The teacher uses a variety of strategies to stimulate students' creativity, critical thinking skills, and self-awareness through theatre arts.
5. The teacher guides students in the use of theatre as a means for self-evaluation as a theatre artist.