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Arkansas Earns National Speech and Debate Recognition

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Arkansas speech and debate has earned national recognition as an official competitive district by the National Forensic League (NFL). NFL's Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the creation of an Arkansas district at its Fall 2011 meeting. To become a district, several schools in the region must demonstrate sustained commitment to speech and debate education over time.

Timothy Hollis, the speech and debate advisor at Fayetteville High School, will lead the district during the 2011-12 academic year as the District Chair. At its formation, the district included 13 schools: Bell Academy, Bentonville High School, Central Arkansas Christian, Fayetteville High School, Heber Springs High School, Jonesboro High School, Little Rock Central High School, Monticello High School, North Little Rock HS – West Campus, North Pulaski High School, Omaha School, Rogers HS, and Russellville HS. Additional schools are expected.

This step represents a major achievement for Arkansas speech and debate, and a significant advancement for the growth of speech and debate education in the United States. Arkansas joins 107 other NFL districts across the country. This is the second district created in the past three years by the NFL.

About the NFL

The National Forensic League (NFL) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit honorary society whose mission is to promote high school and middle school speech and debate activities as a means to develop a student's essential life skills and values. More than 112,000 high school and middle school students, representing more than 2,900 schools nationwide, are currently building their communication, leadership, cognitive, and presentational skills as members. Since 1925, more than 1.3 million students have found their voice in the NFL. For more information, visit www.nflonline.org.

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