**HIGH SCHOOL**

 **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

 **Student's Name:**

 **Grade:** **Credits:** 10 **Semester Course:** X

 **Full Year Course:**

 **Start Date:** **End Date:**

 **Course Title:** Communications

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 The goal of this course is to increase the communication awareness and competency of the

 student. This goal will be accomplished in three ways. First, the student will be taught to challenge

 themselves to overcome fear and accomplish great things. The text for this is Do Hard Things by

 Alex and Brett Harris. They will be taught to be self-reflexive and be more conscious of their

 strengths and weaknesses.

 Once they have achieved a measure of self-reflexivity, they will learn to express themselves in

 the field of public speaking. The text for this portion is The Natural Speaker by Randy Fujishin.

 Through readings, in-class exercises, quizzes , and speeches, the student will learn the fundamentals

 of speech organization, delivery and technique.

 In the second semester, the student will learn to use their speech skills critically by learning the

 fundamentals of Argumentation and Debate. Through reading, quizzes, and team debates in class,

 the student will learn the structure of parliamentary debate, research techniques, fallacy recognition,

 critical thinking, and extemporaneous speaking skills.

 The goal of this whole course is to equip the student to function in a world that lives and breathes

 communication. As a result of this course, the student will live life with greater confidence, have the

 skills to convey their thoughts and beliefs clearly, and the ability to defend their beliefs rigorously.

 **Curriculum**

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