

## **PSDA STANCE ON TECHNOLOGY**

The Pennsylvania Speech and Debate Association (PSDA) recognizes that

- information doesn't equal technology
- analysis of information is an educational experience in and of itself
- technology will probably be allowed in some format in forensics in the near future and accepts and endorses these facts.

Considering these facts, we believe that it is paramount that judges recognize contestants' ability to synthesize information as well as to communicate that information.

PSDA suggest that, as technology becomes a part of forensics, the integrity of the activity be maintained by competitors, judges, and tournament managers by understanding and appreciating the aesthetic value of oral communication.

PSDA suggests that judging should emphasize diversity of the audience in all events, including debate. This implies the necessity of the competitor to adapt their communication styles to all listeners.