

Competitive/ Advanced Debate 2016-2017

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Prep Hours: A5; B4

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Course Description:

In this class students will learn use critical thinking, research, and argumentation skills to compete at an interscholastic level. Class time will be used to prepare, practice, review, and work with partners for the upcoming tournament.

Materials:

For this class each student will need a flash drive, their chrome book, blank paper and pens every day. There will be times when other materials are requested for class.

Expectations:

Debate can be an activity that leaves many people vulnerable. Students are expected to show respect to their fellow students and teacher every day. This includes being respectful when others are speaking, presenting, and when they are struggling with an assignment.

Respecting your teacher and fellow students also includes being prepared for class, doing the appropriate homework, and using class time to work appropriately.

Due Dates:

Homework is due at the beginning of the period on the day that it is due.

The day after homework was due, it is worth half credit. All assignments are needed to create the finished product. Not bringing the appropriate materials can result in other assignments falling behind or classmates falling behind.

If you are absent, you are responsible for checking for your missed work.

If there are special circumstances please talk to me before the homework is due.

Cheating:

Cheating is unacceptable. If you are caught cheating, the student will receive a demerit for dishonesty and will receive a zero. This applies for homework, quizzes, and speeches. All parties involved will receive a zero on the assignment.

Plagiarism Policy:

Plagiarism is the use of another author's words or ideas without the acknowledgment of the author. Today's frequent use of the internet for research purposes, plagiarism has become a prevalent issue. When in doubt if, you are plagiarizing another author/ writer include their source. This must be done in speeches as well as in writing. Plagiarism is an educational and ethic concern. Any student found to be plagiarizing another author's work with receive a zero on the assignment and a demerit for Academic Dishonesty.

The Student Handbook goes more in- depth for cheating and plagiarism.

Tentative Points:

4 tournaments in the fall, 2 in the spring (100 points each tournament)**

600 points total
Cases or files for each topic (points each vary)
300 points total
Weekly goal sheet
10 points each
6 practice rounds (75 points each)
450 points total
6 practice round flow/ critiques (25 each)
150 points total
Running our tournament
200 points total
Tournament reflection
50 points total
Cutting Final
150 points total

*These are major assignments, there are other assignments that will take place as well.

** If you are in a fall or spring sport that will make this difficult talk to me **before** season begins

Extra Credit

There are 30 extra credit points available for every tournament

Breaking = 10 extra credit points

1st place = 20 extra credit points