

Debate Competition (High)

(Guidelines)

1. Eligibility: Students entering Grades 9th – 12th in school year 2007-2008.
2. This is an individual contest; no teams allowed. Participants will be paired up and will be assigned affirmative and negative positions by DRAW. The affirmative always begins the debate. There will be two rounds. Only the top four participants will advance to the final/second round.
3. The structure of the debate is as follows:
 - 2 minutes affirmative constructive speech
 - 2 minutes negative constructive speech
 - 2 minutes affirmative rebuttal
 - 2 minutes negative rebuttal
 - 1 minute affirmative closing
 - 1 minute negative closing
4. When citing evidence during speeches, use the following example as a guideline:

As stated in the November 19 issue of Newsweek....
5. On a separate sheet of paper, list the exact sources (what books, magazines, or other sources you attained your evidence from). If possible, bring copies of your sources or your actual sources to the debate.
6. Judges may adjust these rules depending on the number of contestants.
7. Parents/visitors will not be allowed in the competition area.

