

Waltrip Debate

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Controversial issues arise in aspects of personal, social public, and professional life in modern society. Debate and argumentation are widely used to make decisions and reduce conflict. Students who develop skills in argumentation and debate become interested in current issues, develop sound critical thinking, and sharpen communication skills. They acquire life-long skills for intelligently approaching controversial issues.

Waltrip Debate participates with the HISD UIL and the Houston Urban Debate League. Waltrip Debate competes in the following debate formats: Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Policy (CX) Debate, World School's Debate and Congressional Debate.

The expectation with Waltrip Debate is that you will compete in one or more of these formats at least once each semester. Students who chose not to compete will complete assignments that assist competitors in preparing for tournaments.

What supplies do we need?

Pen/Pencil

Composition book or spiral

Laptop

Grades

Classwork/Homework 40%

Exam/Project 35%

Participation/Quiz 25%

Class Procedures:

Warm Up/Attendance

Tardies

Electronic Devices are for educational purposes only!

Restroom: do not disrupt the educational process!

Be on task: take care of your work to avoid homework!

IDs on, out, and visible

Due dates are firm!

Class content:

History of Debate

Preservation of Democracy

Media Bias and Ethical Research

Debate/Argumentation Basics

Extemporaneous Speaking

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Public Forum Debate

World School's Debate

Policy (CX) Debate

Congressional Debate

Research, Write, Prepare, Compete, Repeat...