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.


**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...**