



LUMOS DEBATE

DEBATE FUNDAMENTALS

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Debate Fundamentals Program is a one week program focused on teaching basic debate and speaking skills to rising 6th- 8th grade students. Students will learn about argument construction, cross-examination, and rebuttal, culminating in a debate tournament at the end of the week!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many students/instructors per class?

Each session has approximately 20-50 students, with 10-12 students per class. Instructor to student ratio is 1:6.

What do students bring to class everyday?

Students should bring paper, pens/pencils, and laptop/tablet if available. Students will also need to bring their own drinks, lunch, snacks, etc. (nut free!).

What do students wear to the final debates on Friday?

Students are encouraged to wear business casual dress, whether that be a collared shirt (tie option) and dress pants for boys, or a dress, blouse/nice shirt with a skirt or dress pants for girls.

Can I come and watch my student's debate?

Because of the hectic nature of that Friday and students being nervous, unfortunately, parents are not permitted to come watch. Video recordings of every student will be filmed and sent out within 2 weeks of the session!

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day 1: Introduction to claim-logic-impact argumentation structure and rebuttal

Day 2: Announcement of the final topic, debate pairings, argument development

Day 3: Speech writing, rebuttal and cross examination practice

Day 4: Final preparation, case edits, and practice debate rounds

Day 5: Debate Tournament, pizza and ice cream for lunch, fun field day

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM: Check in, Warm Up Activities

9:15 AM: Ice breakers with class

9:30 AM: Morning lesson on how to construct an argument

9:40 AM: Mini debates on the topic: Summer is better than Winter

10:00 AM: Like, Uh, Um fluency game (speak for as long as possible without using filler words such as Like, Um, or Uh)

11:00 AM: Cross examination games (Two Truths and a Lie, Word on the Wall)

12:00 PM: Lunch

12:30 PM: Outdoor/free time

1:30 PM: Individual work/coaching (writing, preparing for mini debate, etc.)

2:00 PM: Practice debate rounds in pairs

3:00 PM: Student choice game/activity

4:00 PM: Pickup

****Times and activities may vary, just a sample schedule shown**