



LUMOS DEBATE YOUNG SPEAKERS PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Young Speakers Program is a one week program focused on teaching public speaking skills to rising 4th-6th grade students. Throughout the week students will not only improve their public speaking and argumentation, but will also work on performing a piece of their choosing, including but not limited to Ted Talks, works of fiction, and historical speeches.

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 presentation 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 presentation?

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, speaking volume, find final presentation piece

Day 2: Work on hand gestures, learn about researching, practicing speech

Day 3: Continue speech practice, work on eliminating filler words when speaking

Day 4: Work on pacing/speed and stage presence while speaking

Day 5: Final presentations, fun field day and pizza/ice cream lunch

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM: Check in, Warm Up Activities

9:15 AM: Ice breakers with class

9:30 AM: Morning lesson on public speaking projection/volume

9:40 AM: Related projection/volume speaking activities/games

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: Team speaking games (Two truths and a lie, Charades, etc.)

12:00 PM: Lunch

12:30 PM: Outdoor/free time

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

2:00 PM: Individual speech coaching with instructor feedback

3:00 PM: Student choice game/activity

4:00 PM: Pickup

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

Young Speakers

Gr 4–6



Debate Fundamentals

Gr 6–8



Public Speaking Institute

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Debate Institute

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Advanced Debate

Gr 8–10

