

春藤教育-周日辩论课程介绍 —— Debate



Course Description

Debate is the art of persuasion and rhetoric that allows one to win over their audience. Through the combination of extensive research, critical thinking, and clear and concise communication, debaters can make convincing arguments and refute any opposing arguments. Debate forces students to look at things objectively and to understand both sides to an argument. It allows them to take a step into the real world by thinking about the results of political action. In this course, students will learn the ins and outs of informal and competitive debate, as well as how to win arguments effectively.

Learning Criteria

- Learn how to create a convincing argument
- Understand how to think objectively and analyze an issue from both sides
- Learn how to poke holes in opposing arguments while defend your own
- Understand how to convince a judge to take your side in an argument
- Prepare to enter the competitive debate worlds of Lincoln Douglass and Public Forum

Materials

Students are required to bring a tablet or laptop that they can access the internet with. Students should also bring at least 2 different colored pens to each class

Homework

Homework will be assigned at the end of each class and will be due at the beginning of the next class. The amount of homework will vary from week to week but students should be prepared to invest a considerable amount of time on occasion.

Audience: 5th grade and above

Schedule: Sundays from 2-3 PM

Teacher Introduction

Sherry Huang is an accomplished Speech and Debate instructor with extensive teaching experience and a proven track record of competitive success. As the Captain of the Dulles Public Forum Debate Team since 2018, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to advancing both their team's skills and their own competitive achievements.

Sherry Huang has a wealth of teaching experience, mentoring novice debaters at Dulles and teaching middle school students through the Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States and the Prime Debate Institute. Over two years, they have helped students build foundational debate skills, inspiring confidence and excellence in young debaters.

In competition, she has achieved significant milestones, including earning 25 state points and qualifying twice for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament. They have championed the Atascocita Tournament and advanced to elimination rounds at several prestigious national tournaments, such as the Longhorn Classic at the University of Texas-Austin, the Barkley Forum Tournament at Emory University, and the Princeton Classic. These accomplishments culminated in a qualification for the highly competitive Tournament of Champions.

With a deep understanding of debate techniques and a passion for teaching, Sherry Huang excels at guiding students to achieve their full potential, both in the classroom and on the competitive stage.

Parent Testimony

Public Speaking and Debate has transformed my son from a shy and quiet child to a confident and capable leader. It's important to recognize that for everything from college and beyond, academics aren't everything. Having extracurriculars like debate that demonstrate a child's leadership qualities will be beneficial to them for the rest of their life. Debate has also prepared my child for the adult world, allowing him to mature by keeping up with current events and allowing him to form unbiased and objective opinions about today's issues. They are able to adapt to situations, celebrate their victories, and learn from their losses thanks to their experience in the competitive debate world. I truly believe that debate is an essential course for every child.