

Intro to Debate is an opportunity for students to learn and practice effective communication and argumentation skills that have application in college, politics, law, and journalism. Students will study the fundamentals of debate theory and technique as well as research and writing skills in order to carefully construct reasoned arguments on a variety of topics and current events. Multiple debate formats will be introduced and practiced (SPAR, extemporaneous speaking, Lincoln-Douglas, Cross-Examination, Public Forum, etc.). Coursework will be primarily completed during class, and daily verbal participation is required.