

2020 Zoom Speech and Debate Programs for 6-10th Grades

Debate and Logic Basics 6th-8th

- 6/15-6/26 (2 weeks, Mon-Fri., 9:30-10:30)

Competitive Debate Public Forum 7th-10th

- 6/29-7/10 (2 week, Mon-Fri., 9:30-10:30)

Public Speaking

- 7/20-7/31 (2 weeks, Mon-Fri., 9:30-11) 6th-8th
- 8/3-8/14 (2 weeks, Mon-Fri., 9:30-11) 7th-10th



Teacher Bio:

Caleb Moore is a speech and debate coach and former competitor with experience at the high school and collegiate level. As a competitor, he placed in the top five teams in the nation his senior and junior year in college, as well as won a state championship and finished as a runner up his junior and senior years in high school. As a speaker, Caleb also finished as the state runner up in impromptu speaking. Caleb has coaching experience as the Assistant Director of Forensics at Point Loma Nazarene University where he helped the team to a top 5 finish nationally as an overall squad. He has also coached dozens of students individually on both the local and national level. He has experience coaching every format of debate, but specializes in policy, public forum, and parliamentary debate. This will be his third year coaching with All Star Academy.

Debate and Logic Basics:

This is a two week, one and a half hour per day course in which students will be instructed on various skills relating to argumentation and persuasion. The course will cover argument structure, logical reasoning, research skills, persuasive writing/speaking, among many other topics. The students will be building toward a series of in class debates at the end of the course. Students will be expected to both participate and judge this final tournament style debate competition. Students will need access to a computer with a camera and microphone to participate in the in-class debates, and will use a variety of online debate software to prepare their arguments.

Competitive Debate (public forum)

This course is a two week, two hour a day class dedicated to learning the competitive style of debate called "public forum." Public forum is the most common style of debate amongst San Diego County Schools, and one of the most popular styles of competitive debate in the country. Students will be instructed on the rules and norms of public forum, case construction, research skills, presentation skills, and general debate tactics over the course of the camp. By the end of the course students will have their competitive cases completed, a portfolio of evidence for their rebuttals, and will compete in an internal debate tournament. Practice rounds over the summer in camps prove to be a real asset when the competitive seasons begins. Students will need a computer with microphone/video access to join the class and compete in the tournament.

Public Speaking:

This will be a two week, one and a half hour per day course focused on impromptu and persuasive speaking. Students will be instructed on how to write and deliver effective, organized, and persuasive speeches regardless of their preparation time. The course will cover speaking tricks to improve confidence, organizational tools, and rhetorical devices to improve their persuasiveness. Students will do a combination of impromptu style speaking (delivering speeches with little-to-no preparation time), as well as work on an overall persuasive speech that they will prepare and perform at the end of the camp. Students will need a computer with a video and a microphone to participate in the speaking side of the camp.