

Speech Spark Debate Curriculum

I. Course Information

Course Title	Speech Spark Debate Bootcamp
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Course Description	This course provides a comprehensive introduction to multiple forms of high school debate, designed to help students build both confidence and skill as speakers and critical thinkers. Students will learn the core foundations of debate, including how to write clear and persuasive constructives, develop effective rebuttals, and master the technique of flowing to track arguments throughout a round. The course blends engaging lectures with hands-on activities, giving participants frequent opportunities to practice speaking, receive feedback, and refine their argumentation skills. Through guided exercises and structured lessons, students will gain a deeper understanding of how high school debate formats, such as Policy, Public Forum, and Lincoln-Douglas operate. Participants will also take part in mock debates that simulate real competitive environments, allowing them to apply what they've learned in a supportive setting. By the end of the course, students will not only understand the structure and strategy behind high school debate but will also develop essential skills in public speaking, critical thinking, research, and collaboration that extend far beyond the classroom.
Course Duration	5 Days (2 hours per day)

II. Curriculum Overview

Day 1	Introduction to High School Debate
Day 2	CARDS & Constructives
Day 3	Rebuttals & Clash
Day 4	Practice & More Techniques
Day 5	Mock Debates & Final Showcase