

Speech & Debate

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This year New England Academy returns to Journey School to introduce students in grades 5 through 8 to the structure of modified parliamentary debate and the fundamentals of argumentation, refutation, and speaking with confidence. This is the same style of debate used in the Orange County Debate League (OCDL).

New students are given an overview of modified parliamentary debate and are taught the structure of logical arguments and will be given ample practice speaking those arguments. Experienced students are guided to improve their confidence and persuasive speaking. Intermediate skills and practice include introductions and conclusions, analyzing opponents' arguments for weaknesses, and constructing complex responses to arguments.

Throughout the class, students will engage in multiple debates on different topics. Topics are relevant and often about current real world issues, yet age appropriate.

This class is intended for students in entering grades 5 through 8. Debate will be offered 3 times and repeating the class to practice and improve is encouraged. Class meets Wednesdays from 12:45 pm to 2:45 pm. Each season will feature a final day mini-tournament for all participants and parents will be invited to watch the children compete! The price is \$225 per student (including all materials), but the class is limited to the first 21 students.

Fall Session

- 10 sessions beginning September 12 and ending November 28
- No classes on Halloween or during Thanksgiving week

Winter Session

- 10 sessions beginning December 5 and ending February 20
- No classes during winter break

Spring Session

- 10 sessions beginning March 6 and ending May 22
- No classes during spring break (April 3) or May 1

Register for this class:

<https://bit.ly/2OuKhqi>