

# Deer Park Debate – Class Expectations

*All students* in debate classes at Deer Park High School are expected to be active members of the DPHS Debate Team. As a result, class expectations will differ somewhat from the typical class offering. Student assignments will benefit not only the individual, but also the entire team; therefore, deadlines must be strictly followed.

Practices after school are an extension of class, and are required.

Tournament attendance is mandatory (at least 2 per six weeks.)

Failure to complete assignments on time, attend practices regularly, or compete in mandatory tournaments will result in a lower class grade, and/or removal from the team.

## General Expectations:

1. Debate – All students will compete in CX, LD, or Student Congress. Research assignments must be completed on time. Incomplete research or that of poor quality will be returned and must be redone to receive credit. All assignments must be legible (typing may be required). Students will be responsible for topic lectures and outside reading. New cases / speeches/ arguments will be required throughout the year, as assigned by event chairs and Mrs. Edwards.
2. Extemporaneous Speaking – All students will participate in extemp research as assigned on lab days. There **will be** articles to cut, highlight and file. Students will also be responsible for **assigned topic lectures and intros**. Not all students will be required to compete in extemp, however those who do will be required to keep an intro notebook and copies of speech outlines for “redos. “ **Periodic quizzes over current events will be given for all students.**
3. Oratory – Some students will compete in oratory, based on interest, skill level, and coach discretion. These students will have other assignments modified to accommodate their participation.
4. Interp (HI, DI, Duet, DUO) and Impromptu – Some members of the team will participate in these events, with the same rules as oratory.

5. Practices – ***Regular practices*** will be held Monday through Thursday from 2:45 to 4:00. This schedule will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the size of the team, and travel schedules. Novices will occasionally be released from practice while varsity members can expect added sessions before major tournaments. Any conflict with these times should be discussed with Mrs. Edwards as soon as possible.
6. Tournament Participation- All members of the DPHS Debate Team are expected to participate in all tournaments that we host. In addition, varsity members are expected to compete in most local tournaments. Novice members must compete in at least two tournaments per six weeks during the fall.
7. Financial Responsibilities – All students are expected to pay their financial obligations upon receipt of their statement. All students will participate in scheduled fund-raisers, or “buy-out” if that is preferred. Failure to pay fees or turn in money from fund-raisers will result in the forfeiture of tournament slots, and placement on the fee-fine list.