

JHS Speech and Debate Team
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your son or daughter has enrolled in an advanced debate class. The state of Florida requires him or her to compete in interscholastic forensic tournaments as a part of the curriculum. The number of required tournaments varies with the level of the class, but any tournament will provide the opportunity for challenging fun and personal growth, in addition to college and life preparation.

To this end, I must ask for three things:

1. \$30 team dues which will cover registration for your child in the three leagues in which we compete and supplies. Local tournaments (held one Saturday a month) will cost approximately \$20. Away tournaments can be expensive, but they are entirely optional. We receive no money from the district to cover any of these extra-curricular expenses. We will run a number of fundraisers to make up the difference and cover any additional expenses, and I will accept dues in regular payments, if that makes it easier. *Of course, this being a public school, all dues are voluntary payments and you may, on principle, always refuse to pay without penalty.*
2. A judge for at least one competition during the year. A judge is any rational person age 19 or over. We prefer the judge to be you since parental involvement is the best indicator of academic success. We will provide judge training before our season begins, and a schedule of tournaments for the year is attached.
3. A mature and professional approach to competition.

We cannot run a successful program without the sincere commitment of both the student and the parents or guardians. Please read the attached packet with your child and feel free to contact me at school (561)744-7947. When you feel comfortable with everything, please sign where indicated, have the medical release form notarized, and return it all to me.

I look forward to working with all of you to keep Jupiter High Speech and Debate on a winning track. I pledge my continuing commitment to achieve that end.

Sincerely,

Kristen L. Taylor