

BHS DEBATE

Arguably the best

Rules for Debate Practice 2018 - 2019

Arrivals and departures

- Please arrive by 7:30 so that we can make use of our time. Notify the captains when you arrive if you wish to debate (and if you prefer gov or opp), judge, etc.
- Make sure your debate practice is complete and the room is cleaned/straightened by 8:55. If you had a late start, it may be necessary to cut a debate short (e.g., shorter speeches; no rebuttals; feedback can be given as you walk down the hallway, etc.). It is important that all debate activities are completed and we are out of the building by 9:00 sharp.
- We must be out of the building by 9:00 so that the custodians can finish their work. Please do not linger in hallways. If you are waiting for someone to pick you up, please wait outside (under the covered area in front) or inside the vestibule at the main entrance.

Classroom behavior

- Do not use the teachers' white board markers – use the ones issued by the Debate Team.
- Use the whiteboards *only* for debate-related information – i.e., names of team members, the resolution, and case topic. In other words, no doodling, drawing, etc.
- When you finish, make sure the whiteboard looks exactly the way it did when you entered the room.
- Do not build podiums out of anything. Leave all items in the classroom (books, crates, recycling bins, etc.) as they were.
- Do not sit in the teachers' chairs.
- To the extent possible, do not move any desks. If you *must* move the desks, take a photo of how they were arranged, and make sure you put them back exactly the way you found them.
- You *must* stay in the 200-hallway. You are not allowed to go anywhere else in the school (e.g., history hallway, library, cafeteria).
- Stay in the room to which you were assigned. No wandering from room to room. If you plan to leave early, notify the coach or one of the captains.
- Treat the school as you would during the school day – no running, yelling, or any other inappropriate behavior.
- If anything is amiss in your classroom, you will be held responsible, and appropriate disciplinary measures will follow.

Practice guidelines

- Judges are responsible (i.e., accountable) for the behavior of all of the individuals in the room. Volunteer to be a judge *only* if you are willing to take on this responsibility.
- Be careful of “canned” cases.
 - Novice debaters are allowed to practice the cases they plan to run in an upcoming tournament. However, they *cannot* recycle a case previously used in a tournament.
 - Varsity are *not* allowed to practice cases they plan to run in an upcoming tournament.

I promise to abide by the policies and procedures described in this document, as well as those outlined in the student handbook and the student activities handbook.

(print name)

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