

BHS Debate, 2018 – 2019

Tournament Guidelines

Getting ready for the tournament

- Debate tournaments are long days. Be sure to pack a lunch and snacks, as well as a bottle of water (lots of talking!). Some students prefer to order pizza - if that is your preference, bring some cash. You may also want to bring something to do during down time (e.g., homework, card games).
- For better or worse, people are judged by their appearance. Please dress professionally for tournaments. The following are appropriate choices:
 - a collared shirt, necktie, sweater, chinos, and/or if you have one, a sport coat or a suit
 - a dress, skirt, or dress pants.
 - it is best to avoid jeans, leggings, etc.
 - no need to buy anything special! Just look nice, as if you had to dress up for a presentation in class

During the tournament

- After the debate rounds, you and your partner should be sure to shake the judge's hand and thank him/her. In addition, erase the chalkboard/whiteboard and make sure you leave the room the way you found it.
- Make sure the cafeteria is clean before you leave. No water bottles, wrappers, pizza boxes, etc., are to be left behind.

Going home

- We will distribute the ballots on the bus on the ride home. Before you leave, please return them to the coach so that she can scan them (to keep a record). The coach will bring them to practice the week following the tournament.
- We expect that all debaters will take the bus to and from all away tournaments. If there are extenuating circumstances and you do need to go home with a parent, no one is allowed to leave the tournament with a parent without notifying the school *in writing* ahead of time. Because our tournaments are on Saturdays, this means **YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY**. You may not leave the tournament early (even if you have a bye in the third round). In addition, do not call your parents to pick you up from the tournament. All debaters take the bus back to BHS (unless you have made alternative arrangements in advance, as described above), your parents can pick you up there.

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