

DEBATE, PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND ORAL INTERPRETATION

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Speech & Debate offers LISD students opportunities to develop and enhance their writing, researching, listening and speaking skills. Students apply these skills by competing with their high school's Speech & Debate Team at local and state tournaments, scholarship speech competitions, as well as speaking at community activities.

The Wall Street Journal report did specifically highlight a "consistent trend" — one that speech and debate coaches have known for a long time — that dedicated participation in debate has significantly increased the success rate of college applicants at all schools which track such data.

Texas Data: Collected by TEA October 2019

OCCUPATIONS	ANNUAL MEAN SALARIES BASED ON NATIONAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
Law	\$ 70,000–\$139,000
Politics	\$38,500
Management	\$138,800
Academia/Teaching & Debate Education	\$53,420

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Competitive opportunities in Texas Forensic Association and University of Interscholastic League; National Speech & Debate Association Membership; Speech & Debate Team.



Non-Discrimination Statement

It is the policy of Leander ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its Career and Technology Education Programs, services, or activities. Leander ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs. Es norma de Leander ISD de no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales. Leander ISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión o participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.



RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

- 1 LEVEL** Debate 1; Public Speaking 1; Oral Interpretation 1
- 2 LEVEL** Debate 2; Public Speaking 2; Oral Interpretation 2
- 3 LEVEL** Debate 3; Public Speaking 3; Oral Interpretation 3
- 4 LEVEL** Independent Study in Speech

NOTE: Course descriptions and details can be found in the course catalog.

ENDORSEMENT

A student may earn a Business and Industry endorsement by completing foundation and general endorsement requirements. Endorsement course options for English Elective programs of study are listed below.

CREDITS REQUIRED

Choose 3 credits of the same disciplines in one of the following areas:

- Advanced Journalism: News Media I-III
- Advanced Journalism: Yearbook I-III
- Public Speaking I-III
- Debate I-III
- Oral Interpretation I-III

Choose additional credits from the following:

- Journalism
- Independent Study in Speech
- Independent Study in Journalism
- English IV
- AP English Literature and Composition
- B Language Studies

