Speech and Debate Club

Empowering Students Through Argument, Research, and Public Speaking

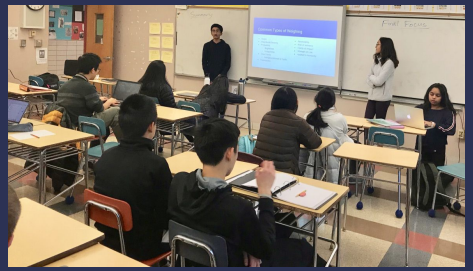
Why Speech and Debate Matters:

- **Proves to be beneficial for students in numerous ways:**

- Builds public speaking confidence
- Develops critical thinking and argument skills
- Strengthens college applications
- Encourages research and evidence-based discussion
- Allows students to gain state and national recognition
- Offers competition and leadership opportunities

How Speech and Debate Works

- Two teams: **Affirmative vs. Negative**
- Each speaker has a specific role
- Arguments are supported by **evidence and research**
- Judges evaluate **logic, organization, and delivery**
- Common formats: **Public forum and Lincoln-Douglas**





Cost

Speech and Debate is a low cost academic program.

- Massachusetts Speech and Debate League: $50 annually
- National Speech and Debate Association: $149 per school
- Tournament entry: $20-$90 per competitor

- Minimal equipment required
- Costs comparable to other academic clubs

Benefits for Our School

Benefits for our school community:

- Expands academic extracurricular opportunities
- Encourages critical thinking and intellectual engagement
- Allows students to compete at regional and state events
- Strengthens our schools academic reputation

Conclusion and implementation plan

Recap:

- Requires minimal financial investment
- Provides plethora of benefits for school community

Next Steps:

- Establish Speech and Debate
- Join Massachusetts Speech and Debate League
- Prepare for our first competition!