



PART-TIME DEBATE COACH

Commonwealth School seeks a part-time debate coach, beginning September 2022 and running through May.

Responsibilities will include running weekly (two-hour) practices during the school year with members of the team, coaching all levels from novice to advanced, and oversight of the team's participation in local debate tournaments. The coach will coordinate closely with the faculty debate advisor who will help with organizing logistics, recruitment of parent chaperones, and transportation. The number of tournaments depends on the interest and enthusiasm of the team but will likely range from four to six. The time commitment will thus entail two hours per week on a Tuesday or Thursday, and four to six weekend days over the course of the year for tournaments. If there is sufficient interest, participation in a larger regional tournament may be arranged.

The debate coach functions with a significant degree of autonomy, while working closely with the faculty debate advisor to handle logistics.

Requirements

- Experience participating in debate at a high level
- Some experience coaching or teaching debate
- Demonstrated interest in working with talented high-school students

Skills

- Excellent debate skills
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Excellent organization skills
- Ability to function effectively as a team member

Compensation

\$40/hour

Commonwealth School, an independent day school that occupies two brownstones in Boston's Back Bay, is known for its rigorous academics, low (5:1) student-teacher ratio, and strong program in the arts. In the warmth of a small yet richly varied community of engaged students and passionate teachers, talents and curiosity generate excitement, laughter, and respect among students, faculty, and staff. We work closely and collaboratively with each other in our cozy space, and we make extensive use of Boston's many resources.

Our mission is to educate young people from diverse backgrounds to become knowledgeable, thoughtful, and creative adults, capable of careful analysis, fruitful cooperation, and responsible leadership. In keeping with our mission, our teachers challenge and support students as they develop the skills that will encourage their lifelong love of learning. Further information about the school is available on our [website](#).

Candidates interested in being considered for this position should submit a CV and references to the Head of School Jennifer Borman (jborman@commschool.org) as soon as possible.