

Job Title: Upper School Debate Coach

Location: The Birch Wathen Lenox School, 210 E 77th St, New York, NY 10075

Job Type: Part-time

About Us: The Birch Wathen Lenox School (BWL) is a K-12 college preparatory school dedicated to fostering excellence in education and critical thinking. We are currently seeking an experienced Upper School Debate Coach to join our team and guide our students in the art of debate, critical reasoning, and public speaking.

Job Description: As Upper School Debate Coach at BWL, you will play a pivotal role in shaping the next generation of eloquent, well-informed, and confident young debaters. You will be responsible for coaching and mentoring students in various debate formats, preparing them for competitive debate tournaments, and instilling in them the skills necessary for successful public speaking and argumentation.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive debate program that encompasses various debate formats, including Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Extemporaneous speaking.
2. Provide hands-on training and guidance to debate team members, ensuring their understanding of debate rules, research methods, and speaking techniques.
3. Organize and conduct regular debate team practices, mock debates, and research sessions to enhance students' skills and knowledge.
4. Collaborate with other teachers and staff to integrate debate into the school's curriculum and extracurricular activities.
5. Coordinate debate team participation in local, regional, and national tournaments, including registration, logistics, and supervision during events.
6. Foster a positive and inclusive team environment, promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and mutual respect among debate team members.
7. Assist students in researching and preparing cases, analyzing opponents' arguments, and refining speaking skills.
8. Provide constructive feedback and coaching to help students improve their debate performance and public speaking abilities.
9. Encourage critical thinking, research, and argumentation skills both inside and outside the classroom.

10. Keep abreast of current events, debate trends, and developments in the field of debate education.

11. Other duties as assigned by the Head of School.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (Master's degree preferred).
- Proven experience as a high school debate coach with a track record of successful debate teams.
- Strong knowledge of various debate formats, rules, and techniques.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Patience, enthusiasm, and the ability to inspire and motivate students.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- A commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion within the debate program.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including weekends and evenings during debate tournaments.

Compensation: \$10,000-\$20,000 (depending on applicant's experience)

How to Apply: Interested candidates should submit their resume, a cover letter, and a list of references to Astride Riche at [astride.riche@gbwl.org](mailto:astride.riche@gbwl.org). The Birch Wathen Lenox School is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applicants from all backgrounds to apply.