



Speech & Debate

Dear Debate Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. Debate provides students with the opportunity to learn skills that will be valuable to them in the future. Participating in competitions will not only give students the chance to showcase their talent, it also gives the students poise, self confidence and the higher order thinking skills they will need throughout life. Students will be required to present published works, write speeches, research and prepare for the Student Congress, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Public Forum Debate. All of these activities will be worked on in class to ensure that students are prepared for competition.

The Speech and Debate Contract has been developed to ensure a successful year. If a student is unable to adhere to all contract guidelines, the student may be excluded from competitions for the rest of the year. Failure to participate in competition can result in failure of the class.

The majority of debate competitions occur on Saturdays. A few competitions take place over two days – Friday afternoons and Saturdays. All competitions require schools to bring judges! While we are fortunate to have many former students volunteer to judge occasionally they are unavailable. We cannot participate unless we meet our judge quota. Please keep in mind that you may be asked to judge. No qualifications are necessary and I provide a manual for all new judges. I can be reached during the school day at (305) 342-9485. Please leave a message and I will return your call promptly. I can also be reached via email at ccecil@dadeschools.net .

Please sign the bottom of this letter and indicate if you are available to chaperone.

I look forward to meeting you on Back-to-School Night.

Sincerely,
Carol Lynne Cecil

Student Name

Parent Signature

_____ Yes, I am available to chaperone.

Contact Information:

Day Phone Number _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____