

William Fremd H.S. Debate Team:



2005 IHSA State Champions
2011 ISTA State Champions
2011, 2003 IHSA State Finalists

- No previous speech or debate experience is necessary.
- Fremd competes in two divisions: Lincoln-Douglas (one-on-one debate) and Public Forum (two-on-two debate).
- Starting in September, we meet Monday through Thursday at 3:00 PM in Room 114. New members are welcome throughout the year!
- We compete in local tournaments on Saturday mornings every few weeks at high schools including Schaumburg, Buffalo Grove, Carl Sandburg, and Glenbrook North. Fremd also hosts its own tournament in November!
- Our first debate tournament is in early October and the season ends in March with the IHSA State Debate Tournament in Bloomington, Illinois!
- Depending on the division, topics change monthly or every two months so you'll never get bored debating the same topic over and over again. Here are some examples of recent debate topics:
 - o **Lincoln-Douglas Division:**
 - Resolved: That secondary education in America should value the fine arts over athletics.
 - Resolved: It is just for the United States to use military force to prevent the acquisition of nuclear weapons by nations that pose a military threat.
 - Resolved: A just society ought not use the death penalty as a form of punishment.
 - o **Public Forum Division:**
 - Resolved: The US system of presidential primaries is contrary to democratic values.
 - Resolved: That Russia has become a threat to U.S. interests.
 - Resolved: That the United States would be justified in pursuing military options against Iran.
- Most debaters are involved in other activities and/or sports. Debaters are not required to attend all or any specific tournament. We are generally flexible.

Want more information? Contact us!

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Check out our Website: <http://www.fhs.d211.org/activities/debate/>

8 Reasons to Join the Debate Team!

"I think debating in high school and college is most valuable training whether for politics, law, business, or for service...A good debater must not only study material in support of his own case, but he must also, of course, thoroughly analyze the expected argument of his opponent. The give and take of debating, the testing of ideas, is essential to democracy. I wish we had a good deal more debating in our educational institutions..."

-President John F. Kennedy

People have to listen to you! Tired of being ignored by parents, teachers, clergy, 911 operators, and/or friends? In a debate round, everyone needs to listen to what you're saying if they want to win.

Debate teaches you important skills! It will teach you how to argue persuasively, understand both sides of an argument, improve your time management, improve your note-taking, and generally build your public speaking and reasoning skills.

It will build your confidence! Debate teaches you not only how to speak with confidence, but also how to turn that confidence into **award**s and state-wide recognition! **In 2010 and 2008, Fremd came in 3rd place at the IHSA State Debate Tournament. In 2005, Fremd was the Lincoln-Douglas Debate State Champion! In 2011, Fremd came in 2nd Place in the Public Forum Division at IHSA.** Fremd debaters consistently reach elimination rounds at the state tournament every year.

It helps with school! You will definitely end up knowing more about current events than many of your classmates, and you can learn even more about history, philosophy, argumentation, and public policy.

You want to go to college don't you? Fremd debate alumni have consistently been accepted to some of the top universities around the country including the University of Chicago and Harvard. Colleges often give extra consideration to applicants who have debated in high school because they understand the qualities and skills debate develops.

Money! No, we won't pay you to debate, but many colleges offer scholarships for involvement in high school and/or college debate!

You could become famous! *Some well-known former debaters include:*

Bill Clinton - former US President, former Lincoln-Douglas debater

Lyndon Johnson - former US President, former debate coach

Brad Pitt - Hollywood actor, high school debater

Ted Turner - media mogul, former debater

Oprah Winfrey - talk show host, former debater

It's fun! Fremd's debate team is serious when it needs to be, but also knows how to have fun. This is a great opportunity to make new and lasting friendships, but also a chance to find an escape from the craziness of the school day.

"Every single one of you has something you're good at...Maybe you could be a mayor or a Senator or a Supreme Court Justice, but you might not know that until you join...the debate team."

-President Barack Obama

