

NEISD

Speech Rules & Guidelines

Public Forum Debate

Public Forum Debate is audience friendly debate. Two pairs (teams) debate monthly controversial topics ripped from newspaper headlines. Rounds begin with a coin toss between the competing teams to determine side and order (Pro-Con or Con-Pro). Public Forum tests skills in argumentation, cross-examination, and refutation.

Team A: First Speaker: Constructive Speech	4 minutes
Team B: First Speaker: Constructive Speech	4 minutes
Crossfire	3 minutes
Team A: Second Speaker: Rebuttal	4 minutes
Team B: Second Speaker: Rebuttal	4 minutes
Crossfire	3 minutes
Team A: First Speaker: Summary	2 minutes
Team B: First Speaker: Summary	2 minutes
Grand Crossfire	3 minutes
Team A: Second Speaker: Final Focus	2 minute
Team B: Second Speaker: Final Focus	2 minute