

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

Regional Competition Rules

- Competitors are allowed to compete in one geographic regional competition and/or the nationwide online regional competition.
- Each student at an in-person qualifying competition must be under the immediate supervision of an adult who may be their coach, parent, or other adult approved by the high school administration. Students competing online must have a supervising adult judging and/or otherwise immediately available.
- A contestant who does not appear at the scheduled time to speak will forfeit.
- If a student does not meet the judge obligation (2:1), they will not be able to participate in the competition.
- Only students enrolled in grades 9-12 are allowed to compete. Middle school students are not eligible to compete.
- After competing in the final round of debate at the regional level, one winner from each region will qualify for the National Championship. Each finalist will receive flight and hotel room for themselves and one chaperone.