

AL-HADI DEBATE

2025-2026

COACH/SPONSOR: BR. NABIL PANJWANI

WHY SPEECH/DEBATE?

Public Speaking is the number 1 fear in the world, most students wish they had more presentation training through secondary school after graduation.

Academic recruiters report speech/debate students have increased scores across subjects, particularly better essay writing skills – an asset for college.

Student advocacy: giving our Shia community a voice in the Ummah and in American society, grant a child the ability to lead our community

ABOUT THE NEW COACH

Former President/Captain of the Travis HS Debate Team (Class of 2010)

- Qualified for TFA State in LD & PF Debates, with a TOC bid in each
- Qualified for the Extemp TOC and NIETOC in Oratory

Member of World Schools 2017 Collegiate Team USA

Coached National Finalists in LD (2025), PF (2021), and Congress (2024)



INCREASED TOURNAMENT OFFERINGS

LAST YEAR – 7 TOURNAMENTS

Fall Semester

- Elkins
- Dulles
- Atascocita
- Grand Oaks
- UT
- Cypress Freeze

Spring Semester

- Intramural

THIS YEAR – 18 TOURNAMENTS

Fall Semester

- Alief Early College
- Spring Woods
- Stratford
- Tompkins
- Melissa
- Bush
- Katy Taylor
- Alief Taylor
- Clements

Spring Semester

- UH
- Elsik
- Bellaire
- TFA State
- TAPPS State
- MIST
- King Round Robin
- Bluebonnet WSI
- Intramural

EVENT OFFERINGS

2024-2025 COMPETITION EVENTS

- Public Forum Debate (PF)
- Lincoln/Douglas Debate (LD)
- Original Oratory (OO)

2025-2026 ADDED EVENTS

- Extemporaneous Speaking (EX)
- World Schools Debate (WS)
- Congressional Debate (Congress)

Sr. Siddiqua

- Dramatic Interpretation (DI)
- Humorous Interpretation (HI)

MEETING TIMES

Class Scheduling limited this year, meeting times will be more frequent.

Tuesdays & Thursdays in Library after school [usually end before 6pm]

- New Member interest meeting September 18th (Thursday)
- Tuesdays: learning about interest areas, coach-led
 - Topic analyses in LD/PF
 - Exposure to new events: Oratory, Extemp, World Schools, etc.
 - Tournament signups, logistics planning
- Thursdays: tournament preparation focus, student-led

*****Some meetings may be virtual, a Microsoft Teams page will be created for announcements*****

QUESTIONS?

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