



BIG DEBATE DAY

Rules & Grading

Showing respect for others while defending your viewpoint is an essential skill for success in college and the workplace. The debates in this course are meant to be fun, but they also reinforce this essential skill. The following rules must be followed during all competitive rounds (and every day in class):

THREE STRIKES RULES: (loss of all participation points if you receive three strikes)

If you receive three strikes issued by Mr. Dunbar you will lose all of your participation points for that debate. Strikes are given for:

- Saying a disrespectful comment to another student (includes laughing at their arguments);
- Using inappropriate language or profanity;
- Talking out of turn;
- If you're not standing up arguing for your team, you must **raise your hand and wait to be called on;**
- Talking on the sides of the room; there is no talking unless you're standing up arguing for your team;
- Whooping or clapping, etc. for your team (this is not the Jerry Springer show).

NON-PARTICIPATION: (loss of all participation points)

All students are required to participate in debates. This can include any of the following:

- Standing with your team and making at least one argument to the committee/panel in front;
- Asking at least one question from the sidelines after being called on;
- Asking at least one question as a member of the committee/panel/judges in front; and/or
- Writing a comment or question on board (include your name on the board).

Also keep these rules in mind: New voices first; 3 before me; face judges when making all arguments (except during face-offs), and always be nice (to your opponents and team mates).