

LANIER SPEECH & DEBATE  
6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PUBLIC SPEAKING SYLLABUS  
Mr. Franz Hill – Room 326

Welcome to Public Speaking, or 6<sup>th</sup> grade debate. This year you will learn an array of debate events and formats, explore various current events and be encouraged to compete in tournaments.

**NORMS**

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be productive
- Be neat
- Use your tech responsibly

**COURSE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE**

- Weekly current events quizzes
- Impromptu Speaking (once each grading period)
- Public Forum Debate
- Speech & Interp.
- Congressional Debate
- World Schools Debate
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Tournament Prep
- *Animal Farm*

**SUPPLIES**

- Charged Chromebook or laptop
- Pen or pencil and composition notebook
- Folder or binder for debate
- Access to *Animal Farm*
- Other materials as assigned

**GRADING**

Quizzes – 15%  
Classwork/Tournament Prep – 35%  
Tests/Projects/Presentations – 40%  
Homework – 10%

**TOURNAMENTS**

The first major tournament for sixth graders is the Jim Henley Memorial 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Debate Tournament, Dec. 15 & 16 here at Lanier. More information about that will be available later this semester. After competing in that tournament, sixth graders are invited to compete at local tournaments throughout Houston.

**AFTERSCHOOL DEBATE CLUB**

Our Afterschool Debate Club will launch on Tuesday, September 12 on the North Patio. We will meet every Tuesday after that from 4pm to 5pm. Any and all sixth graders at Lanier are welcome to attend. There is no official sign up, registration or try-out, students just need to show up and are free to start/stop attending at any point.

**CLASS SUPPLIES NEEDED**

If you are able to, please consider sending some of these consumable items with your student:

- Facial tissue and hand sanitizer
- Plain copy paper
- Paper towels
- Printer Ink HP63 black and/or color
- Bulk, pre-packaged snacks for debate club