



SPEECH & DEBATE CURRICULUM

Format: 1.5 Months | 90 mins each | End-of-Phase Competition

Core Skills: Public Speaking, Persuasion, Critical Thinking, Listening, Argumentation, Confidence

Phase 1 (Month 1–1.5): Panel Discussions & Group Dialogue

Theme: *Collaborate & Conquer – Structured Conversations & Group Communication*

Competition: Expert Panel Discussion (Simulated Talk Show)

Session 1	<p>Understanding Panel Dynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Roles of moderator & panelists, etiquette, group conversation rules• Outcomes: Students recognize structured group communication and panel formats
Session 2	<p>Research & Opinion Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Crafting informed opinions, creating expert profiles• Outcomes: Students clearly present viewpoints backed by research



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Session 3	<p>Group Dialogue & Civil Discourse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Active listening, turn-taking, respectful disagreement• Outcomes: Students engage in collaborative dialogue, even with opposing views
Session 4	<p>Practice Panel Simulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Assigned expert roles, mock panel discussion, feedback loop• Outcomes: Students practice structured communication in a group setting
Session 5	<p>Final Prep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Handling interruptions, smart comebacks, speaking under pressure• Outcomes: Students demonstrate confidence and agility in group settings



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Session 6	<p>Expert Panel Discussion (Competition)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Full panel show simulation on trending youth topics, judged & feedback• Outcomes: Students perform as confident panelists in a competitive group discussion
Session 7	<p>The Power of Persuasion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Debate formats, stance building, debate structure basics• Outcomes: Students understand the Oxford-style debate format and form simple stance-based arguments
Session 8	<p>Research, Reason & Rebuttal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Fact-finding, logical reasoning, spotting fallacies, rebuttal techniques• Outcomes: Students can construct evidence-backed arguments and identify flaws in reasoning
Session 9	<p>Voice, Tone & Body Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Vocal projection, eye contact, gestures, stage presence



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outcomes: Students improve confidence and delivery during public speaking
Session 10	<p>Mock Debate Rounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Practice debates, timed rebuttals, peer evaluation• Outcomes: Students apply all learned skills in structured debate practice
Session 11	<p>Final Prep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Do's & Don'ts of debating, handling pressure, closing with impact• Outcomes: Students demonstrate readiness for the competition format
Session 12	<p>Mini Debate League (Competition)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics: Formal debate competition with peers (Oxford/Turncoat style)• Outcomes: Students showcase debate mastery in a judged live setting