



international debate education association

Teacher Mission Agreement

IDEA expects that teachers will sign this pledge form as an agreement to the responsibilities summarized below.

As an educator, I understand that first and foremost, students – not teachers or texts -- are the focus of the learning process. When incorporated into a curriculum, speech and debate provide excellent means for involving students in this process. Academic speech/debate is adaptable to various content areas and can easily encompass the varying standards and concerns of virtually any academic discipline. Education is empowerment, and academic speech and debate will empower students. It will prove to the student that they should not be intimidated by the knowledge and information they confront in the world around them. Students will understand that they are capable of making and defending informed choices about complex issues outside of their own area of interest because they have already done so in my class on a daily basis.

Signature of Teacher

Date