

“Debate has been an amazing addition to my life this year. Public speaking is so fun for me now and I have used the skills I learned from debate in several school projects and presentations. Since I am not an athletic person, debate has become my sport and I am really excited to do it all again next year!”

– *Olivia, former LFA debater*



WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2005, the **Institute for Principle Studies (IPS)** is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to teaching how biblical principles apply to government, economics, and history.

IPS created the *Logos Forensic Association* in 2008 to help teach students these principles while also training them to be articulate, knowledgeable, and persuasive advocates for Christ and liberty.



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THE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH & DEBATE LEAGUE

ABOUT THE LFA

The **Logos Forensic Association (LFA)** is a speech and debate league designed exclusively for private Christian high schools.

Unlike other high school debate leagues, the LFA is more than just an extracurricular or academic activity. The goal of the LFA is to equip the next generation of Christians who will represent Christ in every field.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The LFA provides students with the opportunity to learn logic and rhetoric, to learn to defend their beliefs, and to develop the ability to communicate clearly and persuasively. In addition, the LFA also provides:

1. Tournament scheduling, resolution topics, championships, scholarships and awards, a network of competing schools, and rankings.
2. Training, workshops, textbooks, resources, support and student recruitment assistance.
3. Framework, structure, rules, and policies.

*It's not just an activity.
It's a life-changing
experience!*

*Solid Foundations
for a Principle Starved
World*

*Training Tomorrow's
Leaders Today*

*No other league
is like the LFA*

WHAT IS DEBATE?

Forensics (debate) comes from the Latin word *forensis*, meaning “in open court” or “public.” Forensics refers to the process of gathering evidence, preparing a case, and presenting that case in a court of law. Forensic competitors learn the skills of research, logic, and persuasion which enables them to appeal to any audience—even the court of public opinion.

WHY IS DEBATE IMPORTANT?

Through the academic program of speech and debate, students learn to challenge themselves, to seek out answers, and to educate themselves. But that’s not all. Students also gain all the advantages listed in the column to the right, which propels them in the job market, advances them in academics, and sets them on a course of success!

The Logos Forensic Association is the premier speech and debate league for private Christian schools that is readily available to provide this opportunity and these assets to students.



WHAT DO STUDENTS GAIN?

- 1. COLLEGE PREP**
Surveys indicate that over 98% of debaters attend college while also being self-directed and motivated, ensuring success while pursuing higher education.
- 2. BETTER TEST SCORES**
Research shows that students who compete in debate receive higher test scores and better grades than peers who don’t participate in forensics. Students who participate in debate score 25% higher than their peers on reading, writing, and math tests. Debaters also score higher on the SAT and ACT.
- 3. PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS**
Public speaking is the #1 fear in America, but it is also a skill that is highly sought after by colleges and employers. Speech and debate fosters a love for public speaking and produces success for students in any environment!
- 4. LEADERSHIP QUALITIES**
Forensics encourages students to be leaders on their campus and in their personal lives.
- 5. IMPROVED CRITICAL THINKING**
Debate teaches proper argumentation. Students learn to use logic and to think on their feet.
- 6. BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CIVICS**
Forensic students develop an understanding and a fondness for economics, history, and government studies.

ANSWERS TO THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS:

Q. Will students have time for another activity?

- A. YES** - Forensics is a self-motivating activity. Forensic students are some of the busiest students on high school and college campuses, and yet, students who participate in speech and debate do better than their peers on test scores, job interviews, graduation rates, and employment in high level fields. Furthermore, forensics teaches a strong work ethic and enhances, rather than supplants, core academic studies.



Q. Do teachers need prior experience with forensics?

- A. NO** - The LFA is made up of private schools and coaches that joined our league with no prior knowledge of forensics! We are here to help your teachers become coaches that drive success.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

“My experience with the LFA debate league has been one to remember. It has challenged me to really look at my world views more in depth. I have learned to love and appreciate this league!”

- Hannah

“My experience with LFA debate has been amazing! The LFA debate league specifically is wonderful because of its emphasis on Christianity.”

- Kendyl

“Freshman year I never would have thought that I would be where I am today... Debate has truly impacted my life in multiple ways.”

- Alina



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Contact the LFA office and request a member school application packet or apply online using the link provided below.

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