



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE



The Accokeek Debate Team, in partnership with the DC Urban Debate League, invites public forum debaters to the first annual Southern Maryland Public Forum Debate Tournament on April 27th. We strive to offer a smooth and challenging debate tournament for Elementary, Middle and High School debaters. The Elementary division is open to 3rd-5th grade students. The middle school and high school divisions are novice, junior varsity and varsity. Within those divisions, students in middle and high school will compete against each other but staying in grade level brackets when possible, then final rounds will be between the top two middle school teams and the top two high school teams with a 3 judge panel.

Time frame:

Doors open at	8:00am for staff and early volunteers
Students start to enter between	8:30am-9am
Judge training occurs in round 1	with a mentor judge and a shadow judge for training
Debate starts between	9:15am and 9:30am*
Lunch between	11:30am-12:30pm (rounds continue on a rolling basis)
Debate wraps up between	4:00pm and 5pm
Debate clean up ends	5:30pm
Room check and straightening up all areas used.	

*ROUNDS ARE EVERY HOUR STARTING AROUND 9:30am

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to reach the tournament director, Arun Puracken, at arun.puracken@pgcps.org and Julian Dotson at jdotson@dcudl.org. We look forward to seeing you here and feel free to **extend this invitation to other teams that may be interested!**

Thank you!