

# Information for Attendees

## General Academics

Accounting  
Current Issues and Events  
Literary Criticism  
Ready Writing  
Social Studies  
Spelling & Vocabulary

## STEM

Calculator Applications  
Computer Science  
Mathematics  
Number Sense  
Science

## Journalism

Copy Editing  
Editorial Writing  
Feature Writing  
Headline Writing  
News Writing

## Speech and Debate

Informative Speaking  
Persuasive Speaking  
Poetry Interpretation  
Prose Interpretation  
Cross Examination Debate  
Lincoln Douglas Debate

## [Academics Schedule](#) • [Forensics Schedule](#)

### UIL Spring 2023 LD Debate Topic

**Resolved:** Term limits for members of the United States Congress are justified.

### 2022-2023 CX Debate Topic

**Resolved:** The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and cybersecurity.

## Registration

- Academics Events
  - Entries in all Academics events are first-come/first-serve. Please register early.
  - Entries that exceed the capacity of an event will be placed on a waitlist and added as space becomes available.
- Forensics Events
  - Cross Examination and Lincoln Douglas are limited to 4 entries per school.
  - Informative and Persuasive Speaking are limited to 6 entries per school.
  - Poetry and Prose Interpretation are limited to 6 entries per school.
  - Entries that exceed the capacity of an event will be placed on a waitlist and added as space becomes available.
- Adds/Drops/Substitutes
  - All adds and drops should be done on Tabroom.com (<https://westwooduil.tabroom.com>) before the close of registration..
  - Substitutes are permitted on competition day and should be reported to the relevant contest director.
- Schedule Conflicts
  - Coordinators, coaches, and students are responsible for checking the [Conflict Pattern](#) before registering for multiple events to ensure that contest times do not overlap.

## General Information

- Grading/Judging
  - Coaches of most Academics events are asked to help grade tests following their contests. This will make the tournament run more smoothly and conclude in a timely manner.
- Materials
  - Students should bring their own writing utensils, calculators, laptops, etc. as their events permit.
- Start Times for Events
  - *Debate* will begin **promptly** at 8:00 AM. Schools not registered by 7:40 AM shall forfeit the first round.
  - The *Number Sense* and *Copy Editing* tests will begin **promptly** at 8:00 AM. Late arrivals will be disqualified.
- Parking
  - All buses are requested to park in the student parking lot directly north of the school.
- Concessions
  - A concession stand will be provided in the cafeteria.
  - All food and drinks must be consumed in the cafeteria.

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## Rules and Restrictions

- Contestants
  - All students must remain in the cafeteria unless competing.
  - All students must be accompanied by a school sponsor or adult chaperone at all times.
  - All students are prohibited from entering the tab room.
  - Any Debate student more than 15 minutes late for a round will forfeit that round.
- Sponsors and Judges
  - Failure of a school's designated judge to show for a judging assignment will incur a penalty fee equal to the cost of hiring a judge.
- Prohibitions
  - Vandalism of a classroom or the campus will cause their ENTIRE squad to be disqualified from the tournament without refund.
  - Smoking or use of any illegal substance on campus will result in disqualification.
  - All entertainment devices are restricted to the cafeteria.

## Awards

- Sweepstakes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Academics
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Forensics
- Team
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place for *Accounting, Calculator Applications, Computer Science, Current Issues & Events, Literary Criticism, Mathematics, Number Sense, Science, Social Studies, and Spelling & Vocabulary*
- Individual
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place for all events (except LD and CX)
  - Top Scorer Biology for *Science*
  - Top Scorer Physics for *Science*
  - Top Scorer Chemistry for *Science*
  - Top Speaker for *Lincoln Douglas Debate* and *Cross Examination Debate*
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and semi-finalists for *Lincoln Douglas Debate* and *Cross Examination Debate*