Hello all,

The **Mighty Ellison Eagle Debate Society** would like to take a moment to formally invite you and your squad to our first **Mighty Ellison Eagle Speech & Debate tournament**! We are excited to offer this competition opportunity **IN PERSON** on **February 22, 2025**!

Every student competing in Individual Speaking Events will be guaranteed 3 rounds of competition, and students competing in LD and CX debate will be guaranteed 4 rounds of competition!

The **Mighty Ellison Eagle Academic UIL** team, known for having the best snacks, will sell concessions!

**COMPETITION DIVISIONS:**

As we get our tournament up and running, we intend to run competitions with a single division for all schools.

Should our meet have a large number of entries, we will immediately explore splitting schools into Novice and Varsity divisions. If such a decision ends up being made, we will communicate it in advance. ("Novice" is defined as a student in their first year of competition in that event.)

**SPEECH/DEBATE TOPICS:**

Students competing in CX Debate will debate the 2024 - 2025 NFHS Resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

Students competing in LD Debate will debate the Spring 2024 UIL Resolution: TBD

Students competing in Congressional Debate will debate the[Fall 2024 TFA Docket.](https://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/8040/Docket%20TFA%20Fall%202024%20PDF.pdf)Items 1-5 will be used for prelims/session 1 and items 6-10 will be used for finals/session 2.

**SPEECH/DEBATE JUDGING OBLIGATIONS:**

Schools are obligated to provide judges for each of the speech/debate events that they enter students in. Judge obligations are generated with the following formulas:

CX Debate\* - One judge required for every 2 teams (or portion thereof).

LD Debate\* - One judge required for every 2 entries (or portion thereof).

Informative/Persuasive\*\* - One judge required for every 8 entries (or portion thereof).

Prose/Poetry\*\* - One judge required for every 8 entries (or portion thereof).

\**Debate judges may only enter one pool. They may not fulfill any other obligations.****Schools will be charged a fee of $100.00 for each missing debate judge.***

\*\**Individual Event judges MAY cover both Extemp and Interp obligations, but they MUST be available for all rounds of both contests. IE judges may not cover any Debate judging obligations.* ***Schools will be charged a fee of $75.00 for each missing IE judge.***

**FEES:**

Please make all checks payable to:

**Ellison High School**

**C/O Andrea Garcia**

**909 Elms Road**

**Killeen, TX 76542**

Fees are generated with the following formulas:

School Custodial Fee - $20.00 per school Individual Speech Events - $20.00 per entry

LD Debate - $30.00 per entry CX Debate - $50.00 per entry

Missing Debate Event Judge - $100.00 per judge Missing Individual Speech Event Judge - $75.00 per judge

**\*\*Please do not let the cost of entry/judge fees prohibit your students from attending our tournament.\*\***

**This is a fundraiser for our program, but we will do our absolute best to accommodate schools’ financial constraints as best as we can.**

**Reach out to Andrea Garcia if you have any questions.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Any questions should be addressed to Andrea Garcia at andrea.garcia@killeenisd.org or 361-336-0600.