



THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM
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Dear Moderators:

The Bronx High School of Science Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you and your team to join us at the Fifty-Sixth Annual New York City Invitational Tournament. We are happy to continue a longstanding tradition of offering an early-season tournament.

The tournament will be held at the Bronx High School of Science from Friday, October 16th through Sunday, October 18th, 2026. On Saturday, October 17th, we expect Speech (and World Schools Debate rounds, see below) to be held nearby at P.S. 95.

This year, we are also offering World Schools Debate which we expect to take place on Saturday and Sunday – more details to come.

We will continue to offer the following events to eligible high school students: Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate, all on Friday through Sunday; and Congressional Debate, Dramatic Interpretation of Literature, Duo Interpretation of Literature, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation of Literature, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Program Oral Interpretation, and Prose & Poetry, on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration for all events is open. All entries will automatically be waitlisted until the Labor Day weekend, when entries will be reviewed and cleared based on several factors, including past tournament attendance, geography, and diversity of entries, to distribute all the available slots fairly. We anticipate that available slots will fill up quickly.

Public Forum teams will debate the September/October 2026 Public Forum Debate topic. Policy debate teams will debate the 2026-2027 National High School topic on health insurance. Lincoln-Douglas debaters will debate the September/October 2026 National Speech & Debate Association LD topic. Congressional Debate legislation will be released prior to the tournament. Details of resolutions for World Schools will be forthcoming.

The NYC Invitational remains a qualifying competition for the National High School Tournament of Champions (TOC) in all four varsity debate events: octafinalists in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate, quarterfinalists in Policy Debate, and finalists in Congressional Debate. TOC bids are also offered in all speech categories.

More specific information will be released on the pages at nyc.tabroom.com. If you have any questions, please contact us at bigbronx@bxscience.edu. We very much value your continued support of our school and the tournament. We hope to have the opportunity to express our appreciation and welcome you and your team to our tournament this October.

Sincerely,

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Director of Forensics

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Co-Tournament Host

Robert Levinson '80
Co-Tournament Host