

Riverside STEM Middle School

Public Forum Classic

Greetings Speech and Debate Coaches,

Riverside STEM Academy cordially invites you to attend our Public Forum Middle School Classic, which offers a unique opportunity to expose middle school students (grades 6-8) to one of the most popular categories of debate!

Below you will find all the specific information relating to the tournament. If you have any questions, please contact me at 951-733-0253, or macmail29@mac.com. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you at the tournament - David Mendoza / Speech and Debate Coach.

WHY ATTEND??

- Student entry fee of just \$45 per student!
- No school fee!
- Includes lunch!
- Schools only need to bring 1 judge, regardless of how many entries they bring.

There will also be a full snack and concession stand with a variety of food items available for purchase.

WHY PUBLIC FORUM?

Due to the limited size of our campus, we have chosen to offer Public Forum exclusively at this tournament. Public Forum has become quite popular over the past few years, and we feel it is well suited for middle school students.

For this tournament, we will utilize the *Sept /Oct Public Forum topic: Resolved: In Unites States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of student.*

A Public Forum Debate Guide can be found by clicking the link:

<http://www.chssa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CHSSAPFGuide.250162346.pdf>

Public Forum Time Limits:

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| Speaker 1 | 4 minutes (first speaker from team A) |
| Speaker 2 | 4 minutes (first speaker from team B) |
| Crossfire | 3 minutes (between speakers 1 & 2) |
| Speaker 3 | 4 minutes (second speaker from team A) |
| Speaker 4 | 4 minutes (second speaker from team B) |
| Crossfire | 3 minutes (between speakers 3 & 4) |

Summary 2 minutes (first speaker from team A)
Summary 2 minutes (first speaker from team B)
Grand Cross-X 3 minutes (all speakers from team A & B)
Final Focus 2 minutes (speaker 2 from team A)
Final Focus 2 minutes (speaker 2 from team B)

**Each team is allowed two minutes of prep time, which can be taken at any time during a round except before crossfire.

AWARDS RECOGNITION

Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 debate teams, and speaker awards will be given to the top 10 students.

ENTRY & FEES

School entries will be facilitated through tabroom.com, and coaches can enter students at riverside.tabroom.com. Entries will be accepted until 11/8/16.

To allow the greatest field of competition, we will accept the first 5 teams from each school, and will waitlist additional entries. As we get closer to the tournament, we will begin accepting waitlisted entries.

Each school is required to bring **only one judge** to the tournament, regardless of the number of entries. A judge buyout is also available - please see below.

School Fee:	NONE
Each Student in Attendance:	\$45 (includes entry fees and lunch!)
Judge Buyout	\$60

SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 12th

8:15 am Registration
9:00 am Round 1
10:00 am Round 2
11:00 am Round 3
12:00 pm LUNCH
1:00 pm Round 4
2:00 pm Round 5
3:00 pm Round 6

Awards will be ASAP after round 6

DEADLINES

The deadline to add entries on the website will be **Thursday, November 10th at 11:55 pm**. Any “Adds” after this deadline may be considered via email (macmail29@mac.com)

Drops may be made online or emailed without penalty until 6:00 pm Thursday, November 10th. Any drops after this second deadline will still be charged the regular entry fee. The website will remain open for drops and name-changes until Friday, November 11th at 5:00 PM. Changes after this deadline must be made at Registration on Saturday morning.

Entry fees must be paid at registration.

Make checks payable to: “**RSA ASB**”. Please indicate “**MS Classic**” in memo line.

LOCATION

Riverside STEM Academy is located at 4466 Mt. Vernon Drive, in Riverside, 92507, right off of the 60 freeway. We are located very close to University of California Riverside.