

BIG QUESTIONS DEBATE @ BONITA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

RESOLVED: Science leaves no room for free will.

When: Saturday, April 1st Registration and Judge Check-in 7:00 am
Round 1 8:00 am

We will offer four rounds, then we will break to semi finals and finals. Trophies will go to all who break to the elimination rounds.

Registration fees: \$5 per participant.

Judges: Schools will need to provide one judge for every two entries.

Please join us for our hosting of NSDA's exciting new debate format BIG QUESTIONS Debate.

Big Questions is designed to enhance students' current debate experiences, opening their minds and encouraging them to engage in life discussion that may not align with their previously held beliefs. Whether or not students change their opinion, the rich experience of this debate event will advance their knowledge, comfort, and interest in learning more about the subject matter.

Big Questions Debate is a one-on-one format. Topics last all year and concern the intersection of science, philosophy, and religion. Students are assigned a side of the topic before each round and present cases, engage in rebuttal and refutation, and participate in a question period. Often, average members of the public are recruited to judge and observe this event. Big Questions is supported by the John Templeton Foundation.

For more information on the topic and resources, please visit <https://www.speechanddebate.org/big-questions-format-manual/> and check out the student manual. While on this page, you also have access to resources for case construction and a great demo video.

While this is meant to be a one-on-one debate, the format also allows for teams of 2. Please read the rules on what is allowed and what isn't allowed.

Entries from participating schools and any judges they provide consent to the rules of the Big Questions event, including the format and topicality guidelines. Schools should provide their judges with access to the National Speech & Debate Association's judge training resources prior to the tournament. Event resources for students and coaches are provided by the NSDA. Judges and competitors will also be asked to complete a brief survey before leaving the tournament site.