

Middle School Virtual League

Sundays, 11am – 1pm

Jan 24th – March 28st

When: Sundays, 11:00 am – 1:00pm

Where: Workplace (Invitations sent after registration)

Price: FREE! (Thanks to our partners at The Richmond Forum)

**Join us on Friday, January 22nd, for a Parent Info Session!
Our Zoom link will be sent via email to all registrants.**

Parent FAQs

My child couldn't log on last weekend, can we still join this weekend?

Yes! Students will have access to our recorded lectures and can pick up where they left off! Their mentors will be online to help them catch up, and there will be new lessons posted every weekend.

We had technical issues logging into the Workplace platform. What do we do?

School affiliated laptops and school affiliated email address are not compatible with the Workplace platform. To log on, please use a laptop or tablet that is not school affiliated.

We can't make it on Sundays at 11:00am. Is there any way to change the time?

Our programs run from 11:00am to 1:00pm. If students cannot join us at 11:00am, they are free to join us anytime during that 2-hour period.

How does the program work exactly? What are students expected to do?

Students start off their Sunday by touching base with their mentors, browse the Workplace reminders, find discussion sessions to participate in, or catch up with their peers in their group chats. Lessons are hosted by our instructors that guide students through our curriculum. The end goal of our program is to have every student prepare a case for *both* sides of the debate topic. Our mentors also host discussion labs where they work in small groups to help middle schoolers prepare their cases and conduct research on the assigned topic.

Can you tell me more about the mentors?

Our mentors are a small group of high achieving high school juniors and seniors who are tenured members of their high school Speech & Debate teams. You can find the list of our mentors and instructors on our website's About Us page.

Will there be assessments? Or any way to track student progress?

There will not be formal tests, but students will be tracked informally by our mentors and instructors to maintain their growth. Assessment will take place as students begin presenting their cases and performing their debates, as verbal feedback and guidance for growth.