

**MANCHESTER ESSEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
DEBATE & SPEECH TEAM**

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FAMILY INFORMATION

Student Name	
Parent(s) Name	
Street Address	
City & Zip	
Home Phone	
Parent(s) Cell Phone	
Parent(s) Email	
Student Cell Phone	
Student Email	

HOME TOURNAMENT

We would appreciate your help hosting visiting students in your home on the night of Friday, October 26th. We need all available parents for this task— in previous years we have hosted up to 200 competitors. We also need host families for approximately 20 students on the night of Saturday, October 26th. Finally, we ask for a significant number of parents to give a few hours of their time judging or serving food during the tournament. We could not run this tournament without parent assistance.

Please sign up to host students, judge, or volunteer via our website:

medebate.weebly.com under the **Debate Parents and Volunteers Tab**

TEAM POLICIES & HONOR CODE

In order to remain in good standing on the debate and speech team, I pledge to obey the following rules and any other rules implemented by the coaches. I understand that failure to do so will result in consequences consistent with school and district policy, including losing the privilege to travel with the team. I know that it is a privilege to be on the debate and speech team, especially one that doesn't make cuts, and I will respect the interests of the team, its coaches, and its officers.

1. I will be courteous to team members, coaches and teachers. I understand that physically or verbally harassing behavior will not be tolerated (consistent with school policy).
2. I will follow directions while traveling on the team bus including remaining seated and avoiding noise levels that could distract the driver. Before exiting the bus for the final time I will remove all garbage around my seat and properly thank the driver and chaperones.
3. When traveling on overnight trips, I will not enter any room assigned to the opposite sex unless the room door has been propped open. At the lights-out check, I must be in my room and remain there until the team wake-up call the following morning. I understand that coaches, judges, and chaperones will conduct hall checks throughout the night and will also monitor doors to insure that they have not been opened. Any violation of this policy will result in an immediate request for my parents to pick me up from the tournament at my parents' expense.
4. All appropriate school rules, including a ban on weapons, alcohol, tobacco, or other drug possession/use remain in effect for the duration of the trip. Any violation will be immediately reported to school administration and appropriate law enforcement authorities.
5. Hotel property rules are to be obeyed and I agree to behave in a courteous manner to hotel employees and other guests. I understand that, if identified as the reason for a noise complaint, my parents will be phoned immediately and that a second complaint will result in a request for my parents to pick me up from the tournament at their expense.
6. When staying with host families at tournaments that provide this service, I understand that I am to be respectful of their property and all reasonable household rules. In the event that the housing situation seems dangerous or otherwise uncomfortable, I understand the importance of immediately contacting a MERHS adult chaperone.
7. I understand that non-team related punishments could cause me to lose my eligibility for debate and speech trips.
8. If I see anyone else disobeying the honor code I will report it to a team officer or coach.
9. I understand that dishonesty after having broken a rule will result in a harsher punishment.
10. I acknowledge that additional rules beyond those enumerated here exist that are consistent with common sense expectations of behavior. I will follow those rules and all other reasonable requests of the coaches and chaperones when traveling.
11. I understand that all team members must demonstrate good academic standing and have no grade below a C for each grading period to attend any tournament requiring class time to be missed. In the event that this standard is not met, I will be unable to travel to such tournaments until providing evidence that I am in good academic standing.

12. Before any tournament that requires me to miss class, I understand it is my responsibility to notify all teachers of my absence and make appropriate arrangements to complete all missed assignments.
13. I understand that it is my responsibility to be in school the day after a tournament, regardless of what time we arrive home. Failure to arrive to school on time may result in not traveling on overnight trips.
14. I understand that I am instructed to always walk with a fellow student or a chaperone when attending overnight or out-of-state trips.
15. I understand that students are not to leave tournament facilities unless under the direct supervision of a chaperone. When not in competition rounds, students must proceed directly to the designated student lounge areas. Wandering is strictly forbidden.
16. I understand that no student is permitted to ride mass transit, acquire a taxi, or otherwise travel independently at any time unless written permission to do so has been provided before the tournament begins. Any student left behind inadvertently at any point should immediately use their cell phone to contact other members of the team. If this method fails or if a chaperone cannot return to their location rapidly, they should then seek the assistance of police or safety officers.

We, the undersigned, agree to abide by the policies outlined above.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

MERSD EMERGENCY CONTACT & HEALTH INFORMATION CARD

Student Full Name:		Graduation Year:		Student's Date of Birth:	
Home Address:					
Student Home Phone:		Student Cell Phone:		Student Email Address:	
Father/Guardian Name:			Mother/Guardian Name:		
Father's Place of Employment:			Mother's Place of Employment:		
Father's Work Phone:		Father's Cell Phone:		Mother's Work Phone:	
				Mother's Cell Phone:	
Father's Email Address:			Mother's Email Address:		
Doctor's Name and Practice Address:				Doctor's Phone Number:	
Dentist's Name and Practice Address:				Dentist's Phone Number:	
Please provide the name and telephone number of person(s) authorized to assume responsibility in an emergency if parents are not available.					
Name(s):		Relationship to Student:		Phone(s):	
Name(s):		Relationship to Student:		Phone(s):	
Insurance Company:				Policy Number:	
Please circle any illnesses or conditions student has ever had: <u>Tuberculosis Anemia Kidney/Liver Disease Rheumatic Fever Diabetes Heart Problem</u>					
Allergies:				Please circle EpiPen Kit: Yes No	
Please list any medications that your child takes on a regular basis (including dosage and frequency)					
Is any person legally prevented from having contact with his student? If yes, documentation must be kept in the school office. Please circle: Yes No					

I hereby authorize Manchester Essex School District, through its medical staff and/or local hospital, its physicians and staff, to act in the best interest of my son/daughter in the event of injury or need for immediate medical attention.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

I request and grant permission to coaches/chaperones to administer Non-Aspirin for discomfort/fever to my child during the school year on an occasional basis if they determine need. I release the school of responsibility for any ill effects resulting from the proper administration of this medication. Please circle: Yes No

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please also attach a copy of your insurance card to this packet prior to returning it (not required, but very useful in the event of an emergency).

DISTRICT RELEASE/PERMISSION SLIP

I the undersigned student aged 18 or over, parent, or lawful guardian of _____, a minor, does
(Name of Student)
hereby consent to _____'s, participation in ALL TOURNAMENTS, as a voluntary program
(Name of Student)
offered by the Manchester Essex Regional School District's DEBATE AND SPEECH TEAM on ALL DATES
APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, do forever release, acquit, discharge, and covenant to hold
harmless the Manchester Essex Regional School District and the Towns of Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea, its
officers, agents, employees and attorneys from any and all actions, causes of action, and claims on account of, or in
any way growing of, directly or indirectly, all known and unknown personal injuries or property damage which
_____ and/or I may now or hereafter have as the parent of said minor, and also all claims or right
(Name of Student)
of action for damages which said minor has or hereafter may acquire, either before or after he/she has reached his/her
majority resulting from his/her participation in the aforementioned activity sponsored by the Manchester Essex
Regional School District.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PHOTOGRAPHY/FILM RELEASE

I hereby grant permission to Manchester Essex Regional School District to use and publish interviews, debates, speech performances, tournament results, photographs, videos or recordings of _____ for promotion of its debate program. I hereby grant permission for
(Name of Student)

these materials to be used, re-used, published and republished using print media, school and team websites, multimedia sites, and social media sites.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to save harmless Manchester Essex Regional School District and all persons acting under its permission or authority from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or in composite form that may occur or be produced in the taking of said picture or in any subsequent processing thereof, as well as any publication thereof, including without limitation any claims for libel or invasion of privacy, rights of publicity, copyright or otherwise.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Parent(s) Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Last year the team spent \$800 per student. With this in mind, we ask all parents to contribute their time and money in three ways. First, we ask that you make a donation to help defray the travel costs of your son or daughter. Second, we ask that you provide six new names of friends and family to our direct mail list. Third, we ask you to volunteer to judge for at least one of the many tournaments we will travel to this season. Based on your ability, please consider giving generously in one or more of these categories.

NEW ADDRESSES FOR DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN

1)	2)
3)	4)
5)	6)

