

# ROBERTY E. LEE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL REBEL DEBATE TEAM APPLICATION

## Lee High School Speech & Debate Team FAQs

### **What Does the Speech & Debate Team Do?**

- We compete in UIL, Texas Forensics Association, and the National Speech & Debate Association circuits.
- There are 4 styles of debate and about 10 different speech events to choose from.

Congressional Debate	Informative Speech	Prose / Poetry
Lincoln-Douglas Debate	Original Oratory	Dramatic / Humorous
Policy Debate	Extemporaneous Speech	Duet Acting
Public Forum Debate	Impromptu Speech	Program Oral Interp

### **When are Speech & Debate Tournaments?**

- Most tournaments are on Saturdays. There will be a few that require us to travel on Fridays but those will be excused absences. There are typically 2 tournaments each month from September to March.
- Students must compete at 6 tournaments during the regular season.
- Students may pick and choose which tournaments to attend so that they can work around their personal schedules, as long as they meet the 6-tournament requirement.

### **Is The Speech & Debate Team a Class?**

- Yes, students are enrolled in "Debate 1, 2, 3, or 4".
- Students earn elective credit.

### **If I Don't Do Well At Tournaments, Will I Fail The Class?**

- No, while you earn a large part of your class credit by competing at tournaments, you won't be penalized if you have a bad day.
- We focus on the willingness to learn and grow.

### **When and Where Does the Speech & Debate Team Meet?**

- Debate 1 meets during 1st period M-F in room 524.
- Varsity Debate (2, 3, & 4) meets during 3rd period.

### **Why Should I Join The Speech & Debate Team?**

- It's challenging and fun!
- You'll make life-long friends and become more confident!
- You'll learn A LOT!

### **How Do I Tryout for The Team?**

- We are doing things differently this year. There won't be a formal tryout, but there are still some requirements that you need to meet.

○ 2.5 grade point average	○ Application	○ Grade Check Application
○ Good citizenship	○ Student & Parent Contracts	○ All due April 17, 2020.
○ "A" or "B" in English	○ Teacher recommendations	

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**Midland Lee Speech & Debate Team 2020-2021 Application  
Personal Information Sheet**

Please fill out this application completely. Use black or blue ink and print clearly. Check for accuracy before turning in your application packet.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the fall \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (Please include apt/unit, if applicable and zip code)

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Cell phone (please include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you text? (indicate yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (please include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the school you are presently attending:      Abell      Alamo

Students, write your 2nd and 3rd period teachers' names on the lines provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
2nd period teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
3rd period teacher

Please write the name of your English/Language Arts teacher on the line provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
ELA Teacher

List other activities you're doing next year at school and elsewhere (church, scouting, community, etc.)

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Contract  
Midland Lee Speech & Debate Team 2020-2021**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN.**

I understand that as a member of the Midland Lee Rebel Speech & Debate team that I am making a commitment to an academically rigorous competitive program.

This commitment includes:

- Enrolling in and attending 1st period (8:30 a.m.) Debate 1 class Monday-Friday
- Being on-time to class
- Competing in six (6) all-day tournaments during the season
- Completing assignments, like writing speeches and debate cases
- Attending team building socials
- Participating in fundraisers for the team
- I know that speech & debate will require me to spend some of my personal time preparing for tournaments.
  - This preparation includes writing, researching, memorizing, and rehearsing.

If I am accepted, I understand my responsibilities as a member of the Midland Lee Rebel Speech & Debate team and I will represent our team with dignity and respect for my teammates, my fellow competitors, coaches, and school.

I understand that my failure to meet these commitments will affect my grade in Forensics Workshop and may make me ineligible for the team in the future.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contract  
Midland Lee Rebel Speech & Debate Team 2020-2021**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN.**

I have read the student contract and I know what is expected of my student if they are accepted as a member of the Midland Lee Rebel Speech & Debate team.

In addition, I also understand that:

- I, or my representative, must judge at both Midland Lee tournaments, one in October and the other in February. (Judges may be anyone over 18 fluent in English).
  - Students whose judges do not show up will be assessed a \$50.00 fee to cover the cost of hiring a replacement judge.
  - As emergencies arise, it is imperative that coaching staff is informed when a judge cannot make it; every effort should be made to find a replacement.
  - Parents are welcome to travel with the team to meet their judging commitment as well.
  
- I understand that all members of the Rebel Speech & Debate team are responsible for the \$25 activity fee. This money is used to buy our paper, toner, performance binders, and subscription data services.
  
- My student will be responsible for fundraising a minimum of \$200.00 in sponsorships for the season to offset team competition costs like tournament registration, transportation, and hotel costs.
  - These sponsorships are due in two parts coordinating with our Fall and Spring tournaments. October 17th, 2020 and February 6th, 2021
  - Sponsorship payments must be submitted to Coach Wimberley, with checks made out to Midland Lee Speech & Debate Team. Receipts will be provided.
  - Families can buy out the fundraising commitment as a personal sponsorship.

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Parent's Name

Parent's Email Address

Parent's Cell Phone

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Parent Signature

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Date

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## REBEL DEBATE TEAM APPLICATION

Students, please provide your teacher with an envelope so that he or she can place your recommendation inside and seal it. Turn in the envelope with all other paperwork.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Teacher Recommendation Form for Midland Lee Speech & Debate Team 2020-2021

Teachers, thanks for helping us out! Please rank the student in each area by circling the appropriate number. (5 = outstanding, 4 = very good, 3 = average, 2 = below average, 1 = needs improvement)

Positive Attitude	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Motivation	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Perseverance	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Follow-through	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Friendliness	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Positive Peer Relationships	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Writing Ability	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Reading Ability	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved
Speaking Ability	5	4	3	2	1	Unobserved

What about this student impresses you most? Is there anything that concerns you?

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Please place this completed form in the envelope that the student has provided and seal it. Sign the back of the envelope over the closure. The student will turn in your recommendation along with their completed application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Midland Lee Rebel Speech & Debate  
Application Packet Checklist  
2020-2021**

1. Please turn in all of the items below at the same time. Be sure to bind everything together with a staple or clip.
2. Write your first and last name at the top of each page.
3. Application packets may be turned into the Torrance High School principal's office or room A232.
4. Applications are due on or before Friday, April 17, 2020. Decisions will be made and the team roster will be posted on Friday, April 24, 2020 by 4:00 PM.

**Use this checklist to help you. You do not need to turn in this page.**

<b>Application Packet Item</b>	<b>Check When Complete</b>
<b>Completed Personal Information Sheet</b>	
<b>Read and Sign the Student Contract</b>	
<b>Read and Sign the Parent Contract</b>	
<b>Include Teacher Recommendation Forms in A Sealed and Signed Envelope</b>	
<b>Include a Copy of Most Recent Report Card</b>	
<b>All Packet Items Have Been Bound Together With A Staple Or Clip</b>	
<b>Application Packet Has Been Turned In on Or Before April 17, 2020 to the main office at Midland Lee High School</b>	