



You're Invited
Public Forum Debate Training Workshop
Carl Sandburg High School
13300 S. LaGrange Road
Orland Park, IL 60642
Saturday, September 21, 2019
8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

This workshop is designed for students, coaches, administrators, and judges, novices & veterans, to help add in understanding of the **Public Forum** (PF) style of debate. Even if you are doing another style of debate, this is a great beginning to understand the world of debate. New judges are also invited to attend for training.

Attendees will receive informational resources and will view a live debate presented by the Carl Sandburg Eagle Debate Team. Students do not need a debate partner to attend. Every student will be given a shell case for the September/October PF topic or students can bring their own prepared cases for the topic. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in an actual debate! JV/Varsity debaters will also be assigned rounds to judge.

The cost is \$10 per student (due at registration). Dress is casual. PLEASE bring a timer, flow pad, and pen! If you want, bring any research on the September/October Public Forum topic.

RESOLVED: The European Union should join the Belt and Road initiative.

(You might want to watch a couple of videos about the Belt and Road initiative before the workshop).

Training for PF Coaches and Judges will also be provided. Bring parents and new judges. If possible, all judges should bring a computer or smart phone to set up a Tabroom account. All judges (and any JV/Varsity debaters who come along) will have the opportunity to judge with an experienced debater an actual round of debate.

Tentative Schedule

8:30-9:00 Registration & breakfast
9:00-12:00 Presentation and demonstration debate
12:00 Working lunch (please do not leave--food will be sold on campus)
12:00-1:45 Work on cases, judge training, coaches meeting
2:00 Practice debate rounds
3:00 Meet in the grill area for a short meeting; depart

Please **confirm by Thursday, September 19** if you are planning to attend (numbers only). Remember, students can come without a partner. Each school/student should have a coach/sponsor/parent in attendance. Please submit student and adult names at registration.

If you are a new coach, this will give you and your team a great jumpstart on the year no matter what type of debate you will be undertaking. We would love to invite and welcome any administrators considering a debate program to check out debate at this workshop as well!

Questions and confirmation of attendance can be directed to Lainee McGraw, IHSA Debate State Final Manager and Sandburg High School Debate Coach, at emcgraw@d230.org.