



Braden River Middle School

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Speech and Debate

Debate develops civic-minded individuals who can critically analyze issues from multiple perspectives, to develop thoughtful solutions to problems and to hone their voices as participants in our democracy. It builds their confidence, public speaking, and writing skills.

Speech and Debate is a 3-season extra-curricular academic event. Competitions run from September through May with students choosing to attend debate camp in the summer. Students represent the school at regional and state championships. Teams compete locally and statewide with the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative (FCDI). Students get to choose from different speech or debate events to compete in. Students can join the National Speech and Debate Association, the nation's oldest and largest speech, and debate honor society. Students can earn Bright Futures service hours by competing. There is no membership fee to join the club or the FCDI. Students with a Level three or higher score in ELA reading are welcome to join the club.

Club meets every Thursday from 4:15pm to 5:15 pm.

You may reach Ms. Riley at 941-751-7080 ext. 20061 or RileyT2@manateeschools.net

Please return this signed portion to Ms. Riley

**I _____, the parent/legal guardian of

_____ (My Child), give permission to join the speech and debate
team. By signing this consent form, I give permission for my child to participate in designated regional
and state tournaments and use resources to register for accounts designated by FCDI.**

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ ID# _____

T-Shirt size: _____

Name (s) of Guardian/Parent: _____

Parent Email Address 1: _____ (Please print clearly)

Parent Email Address 2: _____

Student Email Address: _____

(students will need a Gmail account to set up account for tournament registration)

Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Work: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____