

**2019 – 2020 Debate Team**  
**Return to Ms. Wilson - Rm 302**  
**Due: March 1, 2019**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Present Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Present School:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address: (print)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your child is being considered for a position on next year's Debate Team. Although most of the work is done in class, there may be times the students may have to work before or after school in order to prepare for tournaments. All students taking this class are expected to attend and compete at all the competitions set forth for the school year. The parents are expected to provide the tournament fees and transportation to and from the tournaments. The parents handle communication for carpooling, snacks, supervision for the tournaments, fund raising, or anything else they deem necessary.

These competitions are typically on Saturdays; however, there a few on Friday and Saturday. Your child is expected to stay through the awards ceremony, even if they have placed out of all the events. In the event that nobody advances, we will leave the tournament early.

It is the debaters/parents responsibility to check date conflicts prior to getting involved in another activity.

Seventh grade students must commit to a two year obligation. This class conflicts with 8<sup>th</sup> grade Athletics.

If a student misses a tournament for illness or unforeseen reasons, they are expected to make the tournament up under the guidance of the parent. The tournaments can be found on [joyoftournaments.com](http://joyoftournaments.com). The debate coach will have to enter them, but the parent is responsible to take and stay with them at the tournament...no more than one missed tournament a school year.

Your child is expected to meet the level of excellence set forth for the team. If for any reason your child fails to meet the standard expected of them, they will be removed from the team. Your signature below indicates that you approve their participation and support the standards expected of your child while in this year long program.

**A teacher recommendation should be sent to [jawilson@conroeisd.net](mailto:jawilson@conroeisd.net).**

**A parent must be present at the interview.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if selected as a team member I will be a representative of Knox Jr. High and maintain a standard of excellence in character and performance. If not, I understand that I may be removed from the team at any point in time. I also understand that I am expected to follow the expectations set forth.

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

**Please answer the following questions in your own handwriting:**

Explain why you want to be a part of the KNOX Debate Team.

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Have you ever participated in a debate program? If so where? Write about your experience.

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What are you expecting from the debate program?

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As a member, what can you offer to the debate team?

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What is research? Explain how to research.

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Are you organized? Explain

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What are your views on quitting?

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How good are you at meeting deadlines and explain?

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How can you add to the spirit of team work on the Debate Team?

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Can you work independently? How would working independently help the team?

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Are you trustworthy? How would trustworthiness play into being on a debate team?

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Do you plan on being on any sports teams? \_\_\_\_\_

Which sports? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you plan on doing EDC, DI, Science Fair, Band, or Orchestra? If so which ones?

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