# **Elementary Pro Con Debate**

## **Elementary Speaking Order-Times**

Topic announce, 10 minutes prep before the first speech

DURING PREP—ONLINE CON TEAMS GO TO THE ZOOM ROOM THAT IS PLUS 20 OF THE DEBATING ROOM TO PREPARE. Example: Debate is in Room 17. Con Prep Room is in 37. IN PERSON CON TEAM? GO TO ANY SPACE NOT BEING USED.

- Pro 1st speaker: 3 minutes
- Con 1st speaker: 3 minutes

2 minute cross-fire between the 1<sup>st</sup> speakers

- Con 2nd speaker: 3 minutes
- Pro 2nd speaker: 3 minutes
  2 minute cross-fire between the 2<sup>nd</sup> speakers
- Con 3rd speaker: 3 minutes
- Pro 3rd speaker: 3 minutes

2 minute cross-fire between the 3<sup>rd</sup> speakers

## If either team has a 4<sup>th</sup> speaker—then add

- Con 4th speaker: 3 minutes
- Pro 4th speaker: 3 minutes
  - 2 minute cross-fire between the 4<sup>th</sup> speakers

• Each debater explains why they think their side won the debate: 45 seconds each.

## **Elementary Debating Rules**

## AT ALL TIMES—TREAT EACH OTHER RIGHT—WITH SUPPORT.

## **Prep Time Rules**

- You CAN view and use materials you researched/prepared.
- You can research online during Prep Time.
- You CAN talk with your debate partners
- You CAN hand-write/flow/type out arguments for your speeches.
- You CANNOT get debating help from coach(es) or parent(s) during prep time.

## During the Debate

- You CAN pass notes or text message/chat with your debate partners.
- You CAN quietly speak with your debate partners who are not speaking (don't interrupt the debater speaking).
- You CANNOT get help from coach(es) or parent(s) during the debate.
- You CANNOT speak to teammates who are speaking.
- No heckling, no questions or comments out loud during another student's speech.