

Learning Objectives: Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the US school system, effectively express and support opinions regarding private and public schooling, and use different modes of persuasion in order to deliver a convincing argument in a debate format.

Modes: interpretational reading, presentational speaking, interpersonal-communication

Debate Preparation Sheet:

My Side: _____

My Aspect: _____

Sources:

1.

2.

Step 1: Research

As you research your aspect to schooling, categorize the information you find based on which mode of persuasion it most relates to.

Ethos:

Pathos:

Logos:

Step 2: Counterarguments

Pull the pieces of information that you feel best support your case. For each, think of a possible counterargument one could make. This will help you be prepared for the debate later. Be sure to have at least one example of Ethos, Pathos, and Logos.

1. argument:
 - a. Counterargument:
2. argument:
 - a. Counterargument:
3. argument:
 - a. Counterargument:

Step 3: Crafting your argument

Now that you have thoroughly thought through your research and potential counterarguments, it is time to make your case. In the space below, write out your argument, potential counterarguments, and rebuttals to the counterarguments. This can be a full paragraph or an outline, but it must include: an intro that describes the aspect of schooling you have chosen, at least three arguments (one from each mode), the accompanying counterarguments, rebuttals, and a brief conclusion.

Example Argument Format:



Intro: describe your topic, what it involves, and why it's important _____

Argument 1: __EX: Recreational activities are important in reducing student stress levels...**Counter argument** ____EX: Some may say that recreational activities take time away from school work... **Rebuttal** ____EX: But, student mental health is an extremely important, often ignored issue and recreational activities are an important aspect of maintaining healthy stress levels and mental clarity_____

Argument 2: _____

_____ **Counter argument** _____

_____ **Rebuttal** _____

Argument 3: _____

_____ **Counter argument** _____

_____ **Rebuttal** _____

Conclusion: So what? Why is this important? Restate your strongest points in a concise manner. _____
